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Exceptional leadership

We are publishing the letters announcing William Mitchell's decision to retire as Headmaster of Selwyn House, effective July 1, 2008. These letters were e-mailed to all Selwyn House constituents in the Alumni and Friends E-mail Directory. Publishing them in Veritas should ensure that remaining members of the school community are informed of the news in as timely and efficient a way as possible.

Letter from John Hallward:

To the Community of Selwyn House School,

It is with mixed emotions that I wish to advise you that William Mitchell will be retiring as Headmaster of Selwyn House School at the end of the 2007-2008 academic year. I am enclosing for your information a copy of Will's letter to me announcing his decision.

Over the past twenty-two years Will has provided Selwyn House with steady and forward-looking leadership. The school has made significant progress on all fronts. We continue to attract outstanding students who are challenged and motivated by a dedicated and talented faculty. We are also now enjoying the benefits of our modern facility with its Smartboards, improved classrooms and fully-equipped gymnasium.

In many ways, Selwyn House today reflects Will's strength of character, his integrity and his values. Thanks to him, Selwyn House is truly a civil community. It is not surprising that Will is one of the most respected heads of school in Canada.

We have much to be thankful for, and we could not have been better served. I am happy for Will but conscious that we have big shoes to fill. We are grateful, however, that Will has provided us with ample time to find his replacement. In the coming weeks, the Board of Directors will be putting in place a search process and seeking input from the entire community. We will keep you informed of developments.

We will have many opportunities during our centennial year to thank Will for his leadership, and I am sure that we will find an appropriate way to recognize his enormous contribution to Selwyn House. In the interim, Will and his team are already hard at work preparing for the return of the boys in September.

I hope you and your family have an enjoyable summer, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about the search process.

Sincerely,

John A. Hallward, Chairman, Board of Directors
Selwyn House School

Dear John,

This is to make formal my decision to step down as Headmaster of Selwyn House School, effective July 1, 2008.

I know the time is right. It is time for new leadership to build on the school's strengths and to address the challenges ahead.

It has been my privilege to work for over twenty years for an extremely talented and supportive Board of Directors. I am equally privileged to have worked with outstanding faculty and staff who hold my deepest respect for their profound professional commitment and engagement in all they do in the name of good schooling. Together, with the active support of alumni, parents, and the broader Selwyn House community, we have ensured that our students benefit from a supportive and challenging educational environment.

The school and I have indeed been blessed with exceptional leadership in its chairs, you being the fifth I have served since January 1985. The partnership between chair and head is crucial if the institution is to move forward. To each of the chairs, I am deeply grateful.

The school community should know how important it has been that each of the five chairs has been willing to serve beyond his official term of three years in order that initiatives were more effectively led and sustained.

From a program, facilities and financial point of view, the school has good reason to be confident of its strengths and of its capacity for growth.

The future is full of opportunities for the school to continue providing educational experiences of exceptional depth and scope for an ever more diverse student body.

My own plans are, at the moment, not defined, but I look forward to interesting opportunities and challenges.

More personally, John, I cannot thank you enough for your thoughtful support and generosity. They have meant much to Joann and me.

With best wishes and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

William Mitchell, Headmaster



John Hallward '78



Will Mitchell

Daniel Wilner receives Rhodes Scholarship

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

Daniel Wilner 2001 received a Rhodes Scholarship on November 26, 2007. Wilner thus joins a distinguished company of Selwyn House graduates who have received the world's most famous scholarship.

Wilner, who recently graduated from Harvard with a BA in philosophy, is one of seven Harvard students to win the scholarship this year, which qualifies him for two years of study at Oxford University, with a possible one-year extension.

The secret of his success? "I just always did things that I really wanted to do and was passionate about doing," Wilner told *The Harvard Crimson*. Specifically, he says he is passionate about theatre. While at Harvard, he has starred in a production of *Hamlet*, directed and acted in a series of Samuel Becket plays, and worked with a theatre company in Paris.

Those who remember Daniel's years at Selwyn House will recall his outstanding performances in Shakespeare's *Henry IV Pt 1* and in Feydeau's *A Flea in Her Ear*. Even more outstanding was his performance in public speaking. Daniel and his teammates, Luke Reid and Adrian Gaty, were the top Canadian team and the top team overall at the 2001 World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Competition in England. He and Gaty were also co-recipients of the Lucas Medal, the highest honour awarded to a graduating student.

Wilner also has another Selwyn House pre-eminence to his name. In the fall 2000 school term, he recorded a 97-per-cent grade average, the highest ever recorded at the school.

Wilner credits his parents, Asher Wilner and Deborah Zack-Wilner, for his overall achievements thus far, and the intellectual climate at Harvard for preparing him for the Rhodes Scholarship interview process.

The Rhodes Scholarships were established in 1902 through the estate of Cecil Rhodes, the British-born diamond magnate and Oxford alumnus who established Rhodesia in southern Africa. The scholarship was originally awarded only in the United States, Germany and the British Commonwealth, but its mandate has been enlarged over the decades. Eleven

scholarships are awarded in Canada each year.

The list of eminent Rhodes scholars is long, and includes Montreal neurosurgeon Dr. Wilder Penfield; Former Canadian Governor General Roland Michener; Former U.S. President Bill Clinton; Former U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk; astronomer Edwin Hubble; Australian Nobel Prize-winning scientist Sir John C. Eccles; American poet Robert Penn Warren; Former U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright; Former U.S. Senator, US presidential candidate and pro basketball star Bill Bradley; NATO Commander and U.S. presidential candidate Gen. Wesley Clark; and American songwriter and actor Kris Kristofferson.

A list of Selwyn House Old Boys who are also Rhodes Scholars is being compiled, but may still be incomplete. Those on the list at present are: Henri G. Lafleur '22, Christopher Eberts '32, Percival T. Molson '35, Hew Scott (probably '41), David Wanklyn '39, James Paterson '41, Charles Taylor '46 and Ralph C. S. Walker '59.

On May 8, Daniel was chosen to give the oration at his Harvard graduation ceremonies. For more news, see Alumni Updates in this issue of *Veritas*.



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**Alumni & Friends E-mail Directory
For SHS Old Boys,
current and former staff,
current and alumni parents**

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Charles Taylor wins world's biggest award

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

On March 14, McGill philosophy professor Charles Taylor '46 received the largest cash prize that can be given to an individual. Worth US\$1.5 million, the Templeton Prize is awarded for having helped bridge the gap between spirituality and modern science.

Charles is the first Canadian ever to receive the prize since it was created by American-born financier and philanthropist Sir John Templeton in 1973. Previous recipients include Mother Teresa, Dr. Billy Graham and Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

Born in 1931 in Montreal, Charles attended Selwyn House from 1941 to 1946. He received a BA in history from McGill, and won the Rhodes Scholarship that took him to Oxford, where he earned a second BA and a PhD in philosophy. He returned to McGill to teach, but has also held professorships at other universities in the U.S., Britain and Germany.

Outside the academic community, Charles is remembered in Montreal for having run unsuccessfully in four federal elections on the NDP ticket. In 1965 he finished second to a political upstart named Pierre Trudeau. The two men were friends who often debated political issues, particularly Quebec's role as a distinct society.

But it has been Charles' academic accomplishments, outlined in some 300 papers and a dozen books, that won him the Templeton Prize. Through books such as *Sources of the Self* and the upcoming *A Secular Age*, he has come to be regarded as one of the most influential philosophers working today. Known for his ability to synthesize disparate ideas, Charles has long argued that "the barriers between science and spirituality are not only ungrounded, but are also crippling."

"We have somehow to break down the barriers between our contemporary culture of science and disciplined academic study on one hand, and the domain of spirit, on the other," Charles said when receiving the prize at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York City. A more formal presentation of the prize took place at Buckingham Palace in May.

He has also delved deeply into the issue of multiculturalism and the dichotomy between collective and individual rights, a controversial

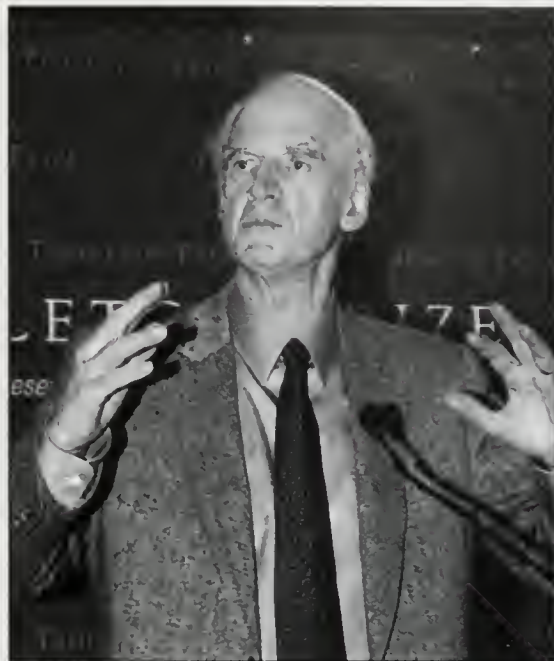
subject in Canada and Quebec. Brought up in an intellectually stimulating, bilingual household, Charles and his sister, Selwyn House alumni parent and former McGill Chancellor Gretta Chambers, grew up discussing such issues from both sides of the cultural divide.

"Almost everything I have done has been shaped by where I come from," Charles said when receiving the Templeton prize in New York City.

Ms. Chambers accompanied her brother to New York for the presentation ceremony, as did Michael Goldbloom '69, Former Chairman of the Selwyn House Board of Directors and now Vice-Principal, Inter-institutional Relations, at McGill. Michael thanked Charles for his "unique contributions in advancing our understanding of Western modernity, in sharing his insights with students, colleagues and society and, most importantly, for his profound and inspiring humanity."

Charles is also a recipient of the Prix Long-Grin, a grand officer in the Order of Quebec and a companion of the Order of Canada. After the controversy in the town of Herouxville, Quebec, Charles was drafted by Premier Jean Charest to chair a public commission looking at how well immigrants integrate into Quebec society.

Charles Taylor in the 1946 Selwyn House Magazine



"Almost everything I have done has been shaped by where I come from."



Selwyn's biggest year set to begin

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

In November of this year, Selwyn House will mark its first century of success in education with a year-long celebration unlike anything the school has undertaken before.



Between Founder's Day 2007 and Founder's Day 2008, a number of events are planned that will draw all constituents—students, parents, Old Boys, staff and friends of the school—into the spirit of centennial celebration.

Parent and SHA board member Lili Le Fèvre and Fil Papich '77, current parent and Past-President of the Old Boys' Association, chair the Centennial Committee, which also includes Old Boys Duncan Campbell '69, Jon Goldbloom '72 and Board Chair John Hallward '78; parent Lisa Smith; alumni parent Judy Martin; and staff members Kathy Funamoto, Jaime McMillan, Will Mitchell, Heather Rochette and Courtney Prieur.

A number of unique events have been planned for this special year, starting with the November launch of an attractive, large-format book depicting the school's 100-year history (see story next page).

Founder's Day will also be the kick-off date of the Centennial Endowment Campaign. In March of 2008, students will be traveling to the UK, where they will visit Selwyn College, Cambridge, and attend a special Old Boys' Reunion at Canada House in London.

In April, the school will host its Centennial Black and Gold gala, with a latin theme. Organized by a passionate and imaginative committee led by Lisa Smith, this evening is guaranteed to be

the social event of the year.

In May, the school's annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament will far exceed its predecessors. The tournament will be held at the prestigious Royal Montreal Golf Club, and will be almost twice as big as previous tournaments.

And, in June, Senior Prizegiving will be a much more elaborate affair, with a special guest speaker to be announced at a later date.

Centennial events continue into the 2008-2009 school year, with the Terry Fox Run and Spirit Day combined in one day with an emphasis on community spirit.

The Old Boys' Reunion and homecoming in October 2008 will include a centennial conference with distinguished guest participants.

And the year winds up on Founder's Day 2008 with a special centennial closing ceremony.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Courtney Prieur at 931-9481, ext. 228, or by e-mail at prieur@selwyn.ca.

More information at www.selwyn.ca

Claxton named new board chairman

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

Headmaster Will Mitchell announced at Prizegiving that John Hallward '78 will be stepping down as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Selwyn House Association, effective at the end of the year. John will be succeeded by Ted Claxton '73.

John Hallward has sat on the SHA board since 1996, serving as chair since 2003.

John comes from a family that has been very connected to Selwyn House. He is the son of Hugh, a 1940 graduate. John's mother, Martha, also served on the SHA board from 1974-1977, and was co-chair of the

Capital Campaign Committee for the school's recent expansion and renovation projects. John's wife, Karma, is a past Chair of the Parent Volunteer Association, and they have had two sons in the school: Derek 2007 and Evan 2009.

John works for the IPSOS-ASI marketing firm.

Ted Claxton has served on the SHA board since 1995. He has a son in the school (Nick 2013) and a brother, David, who graduated in 1971.

Ted is a lawyer with the firm of Stikeman Elliott.



John Hallward '78



Ted Claxton '73

Centennial book goes to press

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

One hundred years. Thousands of Selwyn House graduates. Hundreds of teachers and staff members. Thousands of memories.

These are the contents of the Selwyn House centennial book now being compiled for publication in the fall.

Dozens of volunteers and contributors have worked on this project to commemorate the school's first century. But, for Selwyn House parent Lili Le Fèvre, it's an all-consuming passion. As project manager for the as-yet-untitled book, Lili's job is to coordinate the efforts of everyone involved to make this once-in-a-century document a faithful and heartfelt history of a colourful and vibrant school community.

When Lili volunteered to sit on the Centennial Committee last summer, she soon saw that the book project was where she could make a real contribution to the school. With experience in advertising as an account executive, she offered her talents as project manager for the book.

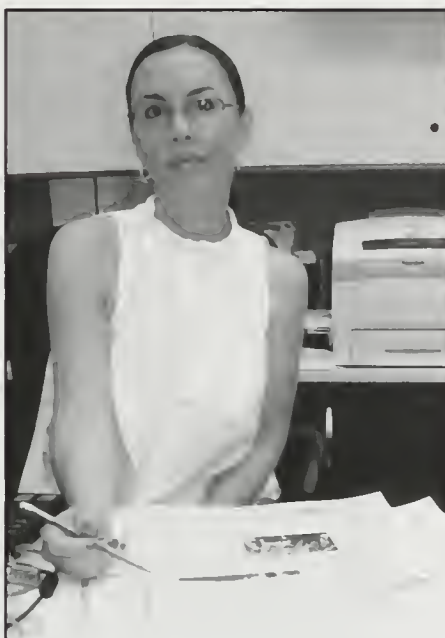
"Right away I realized we needed a team of volunteers to do research," Lili recalls. Fortunately, the late Virginia Ferguson, longtime head librarian at Selwyn House, had already put in weeks of her retirement time to catalogue the school's archive materials into a database.

Virginia was "an incredible wealth of information," Lili says. "It was an honour to be able to work with her."

The timeline for the story of the first century of Selwyn House was drawn up by Head Librarian Lis Clemens, based on a mountain of school magazines, newsletters and yearbooks. An invaluable source of information was the school's only existing history book, *Veritas*, written in 1978 by SHS teacher Edgar Moodey, with then-Headmaster Robert Speirs.

Parents, grandparents and former staff who gave their time to compile the enormous amount of information for the book include: Caroline Dillon, Marie-Christine Bolté, Jane Atkinson, Susanah Dorrington, Suzanne Tokarsky, Angie Nassos, David Cude, Monty Krindle, Susan McCulloch, Susan Lord and Lorayne Winn. "Everyone pulled together," says Lili. "As a volunteer, to have the experience of doing this and working with all these people is amazing."

Workers sifted through the printed materials, looking



Lili Le Fèvre going over proofs of the upcoming book

for the essential stories and priceless nuggets of information. They dug through box after box of trophies, school badges, old blazers, haunting photos of faces long gone and cricket bats that had been used by hundreds of Selwyn House players and then packed away for decades.

All this memorabilia was brought to life through the stories from members of the Selwyn House family. Selwyn House teacher Bill Bedard organized students from his media class to videotape interviews with Selwyn House constituents at Founder's Day and other school events. Lili and other volunteers surveyed constituents by mail and online for their thoughts and impressions of their school years. Current students give their impressions of life at SHS in the "Young Boys speak" section.

"We got faxes, e-mails, letters from all over Canada and as far away as Norway, from Old Boys, current students and current and former teachers like Peter Govan, Kathi Biggs and Rob Wearing," Lili says. "I feel I made so many new friends."

All this material was organized decade by decade to create the book. Each time period created its own challenges. For example, information on the first few decades is scant. The first existing photo of Selwyn House students was not taken until three years after the school was founded, and there were no school publications at that time.

Virginia scoured the McCord Museum for non-school photos to set the school's history in a broader historical setting.

As well, Virginia was the one who put the Harker era and the development of the Wanstall Library into context.

As it moves through time, the book breaks down the story into five areas of activity within the school: athletics, academics, extracurricular activities, volunteers and friendships.

The final result will be a 9x12-inch hardcover coffee-table book with lots of photos and memories, all told in bite-sized vignettes of Selwyn House history.

"It's a very human book," Lili says.

One thousand copies of the book will be printed, with the official launch scheduled for Founder's Day 2007, in mid-November.

Speirs Medal presented to Michael Goldbloom

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

The setting was perfect. Michael Goldbloom '69, who, as chairman of the Selwyn House Board of Directors, had steered the school through its recent construction and renovation project, received the Speirs Medal on November 22 at the first school function to employ all the features of the beautiful new auditorium he helped create.

The school's highest honour to a non-student, the Speirs Medal is presented each year at Founder's Day to the person deemed to have made a significant contribution to Selwyn House over the years.

In typically modest fashion, Michael gave credit to all the other members of the team who helped give the school a new face and functionality. But, the elegant ambience of the new Coristine Hall—which only months before had been a drab high-school gym—made it impossible for nearly 250 guests to overlook Michael's contribution to the school.

Long before the groundbreaking for the new Speirs Building in 2002, Mr. Goldbloom led the board of directors in achieving a fundraising goal they had been warned would be impossible to reach.

Michael's parents, Victor and Sheila Goldbloom, were present on November 22 to see their son receive the honour they, themselves, had received ten years earlier. In introducing Michael, board member John Carsley pointed out that, as Montreal's Director of Public Health, he regularly meets with boards headed up by the senior Goldblooms, still sits on the Selwyn House board with Michael's brother, Jonathan, and has other regular contacts with Goldbloom family members. "You know that when there's a Goldbloom around, some community good will be forthcoming," said Mr. Carsley.

Michael and his wife, Fiona Macleod, recently returned to Montreal from Toronto, where he had spent three years as publisher of the *Toronto Star*. Prior to that, he had been well known in Quebec as publisher of the *Montreal Gazette* for seven years, founding and executive member of Alliance Quebec for seven years (two years as president), and president and CEO of the Montreal YMCA for 13 years. He also served on the board of directors of the Ville Marie Social Services Centre and the Batshaw Youth and Family Centres, as well as serving on the Québec selection committee for the Rhodes Scholarship. The Goldblooms are now returning to their hometown, where Michael will



Selwyn House board member Dr. John Carsley '67, left, presents the Speirs Medal to Michael Goldbloom '69.

head the Government Relations and Inter-Institutional Affairs Office at his other alma mater, McGill University. He has also been appointed a Senior Fellow in Media and Public Policy with the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada and Media at McGill, which the university describes as "a hub of research, scholarship and public outreach on issues and controversies in media, technology and culture."

An important influence

"Selwyn House School is very much a critical part of what makes Montreal home for Fiona and me," Mr. Goldbloom told the audience. "Selwyn House has been a very important institution in my life, and Robert Speirs was a very important influence on me. So it's a special honour to receive the medal named in Dr. Speirs' honour in a campus with a building that now bears his name."

When speaking to Selwyn House students in an assembly that morning, Michael confided that he was a "mediocre" student at Selwyn House. "The school put in an extra special effort to help me succeed," he said. "I don't think that I was exceptional in that regard."

"Selwyn House has changed a lot since 1931, when the first of three generations of Goldblooms came to the school," he continued. "Latin and British history are no longer mandatory subjects at the school. Cricket is no longer a required sport. French is, fortunately, a critical part

at first event in completed Coristine Hall

of the curriculum, and our sports teams not only win games, they win championships. So a lot has changed. But what has not changed is the school's commitment to helping each of its students achieve his full potential."

"I owe a great deal to the school for giving me the tools and the confidence to succeed," Michael said, confessing that English was his poorest subject until he was inspired by SHS teacher Ted Phillips, who "opened up for me a world of words and literature that sent me off on a path in which the ability to write clearly and effectively has been the cornerstone of my career and the source of enormous pleasure."

"I owed an enormous amount to the school," Mr. Goldbloom said, "so when [previous board chairman] Tom Birks asked me to join the board, I really did welcome the opportunity to give something back to the school, which had given so much to me."

"I'd like to conclude simply by saying how pleased I am to know that, now that the bricks and mortar are all in place, the focus of the school is now turning to building an endowment. We need to ensure that as broad a cross-section as possible of outstanding students will be able to become part of this remarkable community."

"I'd like to thank all of you for being here, and I would like to join with all of you tonight in celebrating the fact that Selwyn House School now has the facilities worthy of the high quality of education that the school continues to provide," Mr. Goldbloom concluded.

Plaques unveiled

At this year's Founder's Day celebrations the school unveiled commemorative plaques that will hang in the Lucas Building. First was a plaque honouring Christopher Coristine '57, a Selwyn House Old Boy who died tragically in the sinking of the brigantine *Albatross*, a schooling ship that sank in the Caribbean in 1961. Chris Coristine put his own life in peril that day by saving a younger fellow passenger. A painting of the *Albatross*, along with a plaque honouring Mr. Coristine, hangs in the

newly renovated Coristine Hall, which is named in his memory.

As another feature of Founder's Day, the school's Agora, located in the Speirs Building, was officially named in honour of Alan P. Rossy '79 and his wife, Roula, who have committed themselves to endowing this room in perpetuity. Also, the Elementary science lab was named in the honour of Francesco and Marisa Bellini, who donated generously to renovate and re-equip the school's previous labs.

Another landmark Founder's Day ceremony recognized the service of seven former staff members who retired between 2000 and 2006 after contributing at least 25 years' service to the school. Virginia Ferguson, Barry Williams, Phil Litvack, Rob Wearing, Ellen Pinchuk, Elsie Massicotte and Lisette Elbaz were recognized for their service with portraits that will hang in the Lucas Building.

Headmaster Will Mitchell also paid tribute to the approximately 300 parents who volunteered last year to work on some 60 projects. From their efforts, the Argyle Shop donated \$20,000 for a new school bus; the Gryphon Sale donated \$3,000 to the Nancy Pitfield Scholarship Fund; the annual Terry Fox Run raised \$33,000 for cancer research; the Shave to Save campaign donated \$17,000 to fight breast cancer; and \$112,000 was raised from the school's exclusive premiere of *The Da Vinci Code*.



Previous Speirs Medalists, from left to right: Tim Carsley '52, Craig Shannon '71, former teacher Jim Iversen, Sheila Goldbloom, William Daly '52 and Dr. Victor Goldbloom '37

Torrey Mitchell enters pro hockey

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

"It was time," says Torrey Mitchell 2002. Selwyn House hockey fans have been watching this rising hockey star since he graduated in 2002, wondering when he'd take the step onto pro-hockey ice.

A fourth-round pick (126th overall) by the San Jose Sharks in the 2004 NHL entry draft, Torrey announced on March 19 that he had been asked to join the Worcester Sharks, San Jose's AHL affiliate, and would be leaving the University of Vermont after he completed his junior year.

By the time he graduated from Selwyn House, Torrey was already a star on the AAA Charles-Lemoyne Riverains midget team. While some of his teammates went directly into major-junior hockey, Torrey chose to put his education first and go to Hotchkiss School in Connecticut.

After Hotchkiss, he won a hockey scholarship to the University of Vermont, where he became a pillar of the Catamounts, racking up 35 goals and 70 assists for 105 points in 110 games, tying for 35th place in the team's all-time scoring list.

He was named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference All-Rookie team his freshman year, and was an Honourable Mention Hockey East All-Star as a sophomore. With 12 goals and 23 assists last season, he led the Catamounts in scoring and was ranked 14th (seventh in assists) in Hockey East.

"Torrey is the best two-way player I have coached to date," says Vermont coach Kevin Sneddon. "[With Torrey's move to the AHL] we lose a great player who really helped put our program back on the map," Sneddon says. "We're certainly not going to replace him."

Sneddon also credits Torrey for showing a lot of team leadership both on and off the ice, something his teammates are keenly aware of. "The work ethic he puts out is the biggest thing he brings to this team," says junior defenceman and assistant captain Mark Lutz.

Torrey came in late in the Sharks' season, playing 11 out of 80 regular-season games and four playoff games. His first game was on the road on March 23. Watching with great interest from the stands were his father, Selwyn House Athletic Director Steve Mitchell, and

his mother, Sheila, who teaches physical education at Champlain College.

Steve says Torrey spent much of the first game getting used to the different feel of pro-level hockey. "There's a lot of traffic on the ice," says Steve. "It's more difficult to move the puck."

By his second game, the following night at home in Worcester, Torrey was already showing a lot of style and savvy on the ice, playing every second shift on the third line and doing a lot of penalty killing. His debut with the Sharks garnered high praise on fan blogs.

"Every four games they seemed to quietly reward him and give him some time on the power play," notes Steve Mitchell.

Torrey finished the season with three goals and seven assists.

The Sharks want him to go to San Jose this summer for physical tests and to attend prospects camp. In September he's scheduled to play in an AHL rookie tournament in Phoenix.

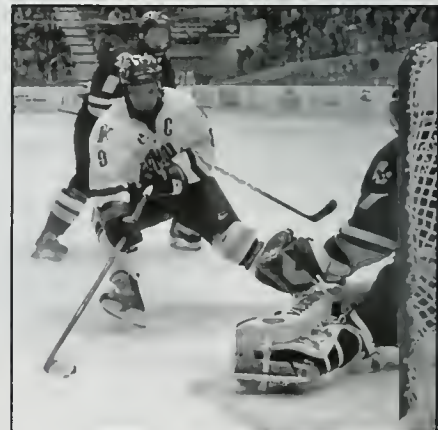
"In hockey these days, the training is year-round," says Steve Mitchell.

With a bright future unfolding fast, it would be easy for a young man to be dazzled by being suddenly thrust into pro hockey. But Torrey has been planning this move since he was a boy, spending every free minute on the rink his father built behind their house in Greenfield Park. He knows he still has to work hard to win a spot in the NHL, and he hasn't forgotten his pledge to complete his education by earning his business degree through summer and online courses.

"It's my dream [to play in the NHL]," he says, "but I have to be realistic."



*"Torrey
is the best
two-way player
I have coached
to date," says
Vermont coach
Kevin Sneddon.*



Tiga wins Juno, steals scene

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

Tiga Sontag '90 continues to scale new heights of the global music scene while also cementing his domestic cred.

On April 1, he joined the ranks of the Canadian musical mainstream when his latest CD, *Sexor*, won a Juno for Dance Recording of the Year.

On the other side of the pond, Italian fashion magazine *L'Uomo Vogue* recently named him to their list of 40 "People Who Steal the International Scene," a list that also includes The Rolling Stones, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Adrien Brody, P. Diddy and Penelope Cruz.

Which honour means more to him? Tiga confessed to *Veritas* that the *Vogue* recognition beats out the Juno. And why not? He says he feels more like a Euro artist these days.

"Europe has always been the place I wanted to be," Tiga wrote on his website, tiga.ca. "As a kid I thought James Bond would never come to Canada. I thought of Europe as classy."

Still based in Montreal, Tiga now spends half his professional time in Europe, where he is an established star of the dance club scene. A year ago he was on *DJ Magazine's* list of the top DJs in the world, in a poll that claimed to have responses from 229 countries.

But he does not forsake his Canadian musical roots entirely. He has expressed a fondness for the music of fellow Juno winner Nelly Furtado and nominee Sarah McLachlan. And he acknowledges the global cachet of the Montreal music scene.

Not an easy man to categorize, Tiga says genre labels

such as "electro" or "dance" don't, in themselves, mean much to him. All the same, he points out, "When you go record shopping you need to know which section to look in."

He says his musical and style choices are spontaneous, guided solely by what appeals to him at any given moment.

The video for "Far From Home," from *Sexor*, shows Tiga labouring over a written musical score, temporarily beset by writer's block. How close is this to the artist's real creative process?

"In reality," he confesses, "I can't write music. Or play. I steal what I need, and then I run it through my own brain until, hopefully, it comes out as my own."

The method seems to be working for Tiga. Where does his career path go from here?

"For me, it's one long smooth highway," he says.



Tiga Sontag '90

Tim Zyto's sofas now carbon neutral

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

When you buy a sofa from Tim Zyto '82, you can get any colour you want, but they're all green.

Tim's company, Montauk, which manufactures high-quality sofas for an exclusive clientele, has become the first Canadian manufacturer to use the services of The Carbon Neutral Co. Carbon Neutral evaluates the environmental impact of a company's business. Tim learned that his Montreal-based company, which employs 25 people, had an environmental impact that results in the creation—directly or indirectly—of 1,600 tonnes of carbon per year, through manufacturing, shipping and related activities.

Confronted with the growing global threat of man-made climate change, Tim reportedly decided a year ago to make his company "carbon-neutral." The Carbon Neutral Co. not only measures a company's environmental impact, but

helps find ways to reduce it. Adopting energy-efficient technology can only go so far, so Tim has chosen to offset his company's environmental impact by investing between \$32,000 and \$40,000 per year in a reforestation project in Uganda and a program in Pennsylvania to recapture methane gas.

Tim learned the furniture manufacturing business from his father, starting Montauk as a one-man operation in 1992. With stores in Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, San Francisco, Chicago, Boston and New York, he now caters to clients like Brooke Shields, Mark Wahlberg and Jackie Chan.

But you don't have to be in movies to buy a Montauk sofa. They are also popular with environmentalists who are also television stars, such as David Suzuki.

Chris Robinson's Afghanistan Diary

By Chris Robinson 2000

Chris Robinson 2000 is serving in Afghanistan as a signal operator with the Canadian Forces. He agreed to write a journal of his experiences for Veritas, excerpts from which appear below. His story begins with an explanation of what led him to join the military.

It all began at Selwyn House. In Grade 11 we were required to write letters of application as part of the testing for our French mark. Mme. Werbiski contacted some real employers to come talk to us so that we would actually have some real job positions to apply for. One of the people who came in to talk to us was Sgt. Pierre from 712 Communications Squadron in Westmount. I found the job he described quite interesting, so once I had written the letter I decided to actually submit it.

I went on my basic recruit course in July of 2001, did my first trade-level course the next summer, and my final trade course in 2003. In 2006 I applied to positions on a tour in Bosnia. The positions were filled by units from Western Canada, so I shifted my application to the tour in Afghanistan, and was accepted.

On February 12, 2007 I shipped out as part of Task Force Afghanistan 1-07, based near Khandahar, embedded with the Afghan National Army (ANA). We are there in a mentoring role. Our teams help the ANA become more self-sufficient, with the eventual goal of reducing the Canadian role to one of reconstruction and peacekeeping.

I am a company signaler, which is basically the person standing next to the Officer Commanding and radioing back to the rear. For those of you familiar with guerrilla warfare, that makes me, unfortunately, a pretty good target.

Luckily, the Canadian forces are giving us some very "Gucci kit." We have holographic sights on our rifles, which refract the light as you move the sight so that the point of light is always on the spot that you will hit when you fire. It works by projecting light into your eye rather than onto the target, so it does not put a visible dot on the target. We also each have a night-vision goggle for use in night ops.

Our protective vest with its plates in is also very good. A German soldier with the same

protection system was back on duty the day after receiving a 7.62-mm round from an AK-47 to the chest.

We have all sorts of other cool training we have been going through, from close-quarter combat drills to ambush drills. We have also done quite a bit of live-fire training, which is very interesting. When I get back in January I'll have a few weeks of training in my group to nail down those ambush drills, and then it's off to sunny Afghanistan.

Clearing trenches

The training at the beginning of the week was for getting us used to firing movement in pairs when assaulting a defensive position (usually a trench). I did both the day and night version of this drill. The day one went really well. My partner and I cleared four trenches within four minutes.

It is very important to always know exactly where your partner is and how he is moving so that there are no friendly-fire incidents (when an ally accidentally fires on another ally). It takes a lot of concentration.

At the end of the week we moved on to tactical combat casualty care. We got to see how to use a needle to decompress someone's chest if they have a punctured lung, as well as how to intubate so that he can breathe.

Outside the wire

I have now been, as they say, "outside the wire," and the thing that struck me first is the beauty of the countryside. When the sun is just coming up in the morning the mountains are shrouded in an air of mystery as they hug close their clouds, but as the day breaks forth and the hotter time sets in, it dispels the clouds and you get very beautiful vistas.

It is an amazing country in the way that it is able to get back on its feet and put itself back together after such a long period of war and oppression.

The thing that has struck me the most is how genuine and welcoming the people are.



Chris Robinson 2000

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Robinson

They invite us to not only eat with them but to share tea with them. With the help of our interpreters, we are even able to carry on some small discussions, tell a few jokes and talk about some of our interests, hopes and dreams. They are very akin to us, yet unlike us. They are more hospitable, to the point that a person in Afghanistan would offer up his last morsel of food to feed an invited guest. It is amazing how friendly and kind they are. They hope to be able to free their country and make it safe for their kids and all future generations. It is an amazing experience to work with them!

A fact of life

Death is a fact of life, no matter what part of the world you are in. As part of the OMLT, our team deals not only with the shock of Canadian casualties but also with those of the ANA, especially when the strike is close to home. My team experienced the Afghan response to the death of a soldier when one who had been injured passed away on March 17.

The Afghan commander in charge of the company we are assigned to invited us not only to prepare the refreshments for after the funeral, but also to attend the funeral itself, because we were comrades of his fallen soldier.

This experience was a very interesting one. It gave us not only a glimpse into the Afghan culture and lifestyle but it showed that we have quite a lot in common. We were not only invited into a mosque but asked to actively participate, which shows the level of trust and friendship that we have with our Afghan brethren. It also shows that any comrade in arms becomes someone close within a very short period of time. We were shaken by this death and we were able to share our grief through this cultural ritual.

Changing the viewpoint

On a recent patrol I had an interesting view into what the villagers from outside of our area think of us. While our subgroup had stopped so that our leader could speak with one of the



Defence Minister Gordon O'Connor



On patrol

village elders, the rest of us took up a position of circular defence, watching 360 degrees around us. In the direction I was facing there was a woman with her four children peeking around a corner about 30 metres away. Suddenly her youngest child started toddling towards me, stopping every few feet to look around. The horror and panic on the mother's face was obvious even from that distance. She started shrieking at the child to come back, terrified that one of the soldiers—I—would do something malicious to her child. The child was oblivious to her pleas.

I put my rifle down and held out both my hands so she could see my palms and see that I presented no threat. I smiled at her and then at the toddler, and the immediate change in her manner was amazing. She went from a mother scared that her child was in danger to a mother confident that her child was safe and that the soldiers would not harm him. The child came closer to me, looked me up and down, and then continued on his merry way.

This shows that it is not impossible to change the viewpoint of the Afghan people, only that it will be accomplished in small groups. As long as we keep doing what Canadians are renowned for, being friendly, helpful and courteous, we will eventually have all of Afghanistan accepting and even supporting our efforts to help them rebuild.

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One evening, as we were sitting down to eat, some of our Afghan National Army allies ran into our compound, talking urgently. Our translators quickly made it clear that an ANA supply convoy had been hit. We quickly donned our personal equipment and loaded into our vehicle, making sure to bring all the extra equipment we might need.

The attack had occurred on the bank of the Arghandab River. On dismount we cleared an area around our vehicle and waded across the water to help our friends and allies. As we sloshed through the knee-deep water, I wondered what lay in store.

As I looked into the bed of an ANA Ford Ranger, I saw one of the worst scenes of my life. The patient being tended to had been seriously injured. There were other injured as well, all as shocking as the first one I had seen. We learned that there had been either a mine or an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) strike followed by small-arms fire. I called in my medical evacuation request, and the injured were all evacuated to the nearest NATO hospital. All casualties survived, though they will remember that night forever.

This conflict is not fought between two population groups of Afghan citizens; this conflict is being fought by the people of Afghanistan against an outside terrorist organization. This organization recruits people from all over the globe, including mercenaries. There is a good chance that the attackers were not even from Afghanistan. They just happened to spy a patrol going down that route a couple of days earlier and then planted a bomb and waited for someone to go back down that road.

The pain of loss

A week after I came back off leave, one of our signalers, Cpl Matthew J. McCulley was killed while on a routine patrol in the province of Kandahar when he stepped on an IED (improvised explosive device). This was not just a face or an acquaintance in a sea of 2500+



In full combat gear



With Gen. Rick Hillier

Canadian soldiers, but a person that we had all talked to, had a couple of drinks with and basically gotten to know.

It is impossible to describe the sadness felt as the coffin is carried down the centre of the ranks and onto the plane. The coffin bearers are usually friends and members from the team of the fallen member and as such the pain of the loss is quite evident on their faces as they carry the coffin onto the plane. About 500 soldiers were there to see Cpl McCulley off as he started his final journey home, there to share in the sadness of the event and to recommit themselves to the mission in his name.

Contact. Wait out.

From a soldier's perspective, there are a few phrases that you dread hearing come over the radio. Among these is "Contact, wait out!"

Basically, when you hear these words or something to their effect coming over the radio, this means that someone is under attack. Unfortunately in Afghanistan you hear these words quite often and you can just hope you never have to say them yourself.

We were on the second day of routine clearance patrols in the province of Kandahar when we approached a village that our scouts told us was void of life despite the fact that it should have been teeming with people. Needless to say, this does not give you a warm fuzzy feeling inside and even less when the

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Robinson

ANA you are with start paying more attention to the surroundings and carrying their weapons at the high port (a position that lets you aim and fire with very little delay). The signs of life can be very important; for example, the day we lost Cpl McCulley the village was deserted.

Entering the village went well and we had no problems, so we pressed forward looking all around us for possible signs of ambush or attack. As we were crossing a grape field we suddenly heard explosions, machine gun fire and rifle fire from our west. Our forward ANA platoon had been hit and were in contact (under fire). A neighbouring Canadian platoon quickly moved in to help support them. We pressed forward to sweep the flank of our allies and try to get more perspective on what was going on.

We moved quickly through the rows of a grape field and came into a built up area with another grape field stretching away to our north. Suddenly some people started firing on us from the other side of the grape field. I sent "Contact, wait out!"

We quickly took up some firing positions and returned fire. Bullets flew overhead as the enemy tried to hit us and we returned the favour. During the firefight you'd hear RPG (rocket propelled grenades) being fired by both sides and it is quite worrying to hear the weapon fire since you don't know where it is going to land. One of the enemy RPGs landed about 50 ft short of the wall which I was using for cover. We could see people pop up as they fired at us and then ducked back down to avoid our shots, not always quick enough.

We had called in for CAS. As we were firing away all we would hear over the radio was 30 then 20 then 10 seconds to target strike, at which point we would duck as the plane strafed in and fired on the grape hut from which we were taking fire. After the second pass, the building, which was made completely of mud, was burning uncontrollably but there were still shots being fired at us from that direction so



Rigging explosives



Laundry time

the plane came in for a third and final strike. By this point there was very little left of the original structure and there were also no more shots being fired at us.

Our air support and tank support helped us mop up these final insurgent elements. All in all, our force was in contact for around 80-90 minutes. We finished up our clearance patrols and headed back, extremely vigilant.

It is hard to describe what you feel when someone starts shooting at you, but there is a definite narrowing of your vision as your adrenaline pumps up and your mind focuses on the threat at hand. You do not feel the weight of anything you are carrying and you are able to move faster and react quicker. You need to remember to breathe so that you can keep control of yourself and so your perception does not narrow so much that you no longer know what is going on around you. As your body pumps up its fight-or-flight reaction (we chose to fight), your mind falls back on the training you have received and you react exactly as you were taught. It is amazing to watch yourself follow a conditioned response.

We were lucky that there were no casualties on the allied side; however, some people's protective equipment served its purpose that day and made this so. I am very happy about the outcome of that fight for it could have been much worse.

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Reunion 2006: good to be home

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

“Gratitude” seemed to be the mood on September 29, when 119 Old Boys, guests, staff and former staff returned to the school—many for the first time since graduation—to rediscover what Selwyn House had meant to them.

Old Boys from the classes of 1955, 1956, 1976, 1981, 1991 and 1996 were special guests for this reunion, but there was a spirited representation from other graduation years as well.

After registering and touring the new Speirs Building and the newly renovated Lucas Building, guests got reacquainted over cocktails in the Speirs Agora, before moving to the beautifully refurbished Coristine Hall.

Old Boys’ Association Vice-President Paul Mayer ’74 led the audience through the required reading of Old Boys’ Association minutes, adoption of bylaw amendments, election of directors and OBA board report. David Skinner ’82 read a list of proposed bylaw amendments, which were readily adopted by those present.

The reminiscing then got underway with a heartfelt toast to the school and the OBA by Dr. Bob Aikman ’56, who travelled from Tulsa, Oklahoma to be with his schoolmates for this event.

After grace by former staff member Barry Williams and a brief word from Headmaster Will Mitchell, the class presentations began with George Maris of the class of ’76. After dinner and dessert, the class presentations continued with Peter Stewart speaking on behalf of the Class of ’81, Prosanto Chaudhury for the Class of ’91 and Gandhar Chakravarty for the Class of ’96.

More than one speaker proudly recalled the experience of being among the first members of cultural minorities to attend the school at a time when the Selwyn House student body was first beginning to expand beyond the predominantly Anglo-Saxon demographic of earlier decades. All the class presentations included homage to teachers, coaches and staff members who had etched their character-building influence on the minds of the graduates.

Gandhar Chakravarty ’96 digressed from the reminiscing to make a plea for environmental awareness in the spirit of the pursuit of *veritas*.

Following the presentation of door prizes by Vince Guzzo ’86 and announcements of upcoming events by Courtney Prieur, Director of Alumni Relations, the pub opened for further socializing into the night.

The spirit of gratitude lasted beyond the reunion



George Sopel (left) and Nick Adamson of the Class of ’86



Matthew Beckerleg’ 94 (left) with new OBA President Paul Mayer ’74

evening, and was conveyed to members of the school’s Advancement Office, who organized an event that George Maris ’76 later called “an absolute miracle and wonder.”

“You folks did an excellent job and it was well appreciated by all of us,” Mr. Maris said. “A lot of my classmates [now] have a new and better view of the school.”

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Old Boys' Reunion 2006



Above, from left: Marc Delplace, Brett Howard, Ian Aitken, and Peter Stewart from the Class of 81



Above right, the Class of '86, back row from left: Michael Penner, Peter Morden, George Sopel, Michael Kronish, Bill Black, Paul Capombassis, Prasun Lala. Front: Vince Guzzo, Nicholas Adamson, Bruce Pascal, Chris Clark, Anders Bard, David Kaufman, Peter Shatilla, Dan Fletcher, Jamie Blundell



Above, the Class of '91, from left: Hugh McGuire, Andrew Khilail, Joseph Copeland, Ryan Rochford, Prosanto Chaudhury, Dylan Adair, Nader Dibai, and Jonathan Skoda.



At left, the Class of '96. Back row, from left: Nicolas Baass, Yan Besner, Timofei Gabokov, Tim Martoni, Joseph Ayas, Jaime Seguin and Graham Colby.

Middle row: Dan Reitman, Alan Sarhan, Joseph Sep, Adrian Schauer, Vinay Mandy, Noah Bloom, K. Gandhar Chakravarty, Gene Kruger and Scott Bailey. Bottom row: Seber Chuang, Mark McCans, Mark Speilman and Albert Law.

La Magie de Montréal raises \$71,700

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

This year's big fundraising event, La Magie de Montréal, was an overwhelming success, raising \$71,700 for improvements to the schoolyard and renovations to the Macaulay Building.

Approximately 225 guests attended the event, which was held on February 21 in the Science Centre at the city's Old Port. Jazz by the Peter Freeman Orchestra, caricaturists, a buffet of gourmet food from around the world, a wandering magician, a saxophone player on stilts, a performer from the Just for Laughs Festival and a fireworks display gave La Magie guests a taste of the many festivals that highlight life in Montreal.

Live and silent auctions added to the success of the event, as well as to the enjoyment of the evening. Bidding on the Chef for a Day and Headmaster for a Day prizes was especially spirited and generous.

Coordinated by the Selwyn House Advancement Office, La Magie was the creation of a tireless crew of parent volunteers, including: Firouzeh Aziz, Sonia Besner, Nicole Charbonneau, Michelle Emond, Martha Fitzpatrick, Leigh Guerriero, Vince Guzzo, Karma Hallward, Julie Hooton, Debi Latsky, Amal Roy and Maria Zammit.

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At the Magie, from left: Brad Romoff, Rosemary Clarke, Elizabeth Hasse, Peter Malouf, Carol Malouf and SHS teacher Erin Russett

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Reds take Nicoll Cup

By Velos J. Christou '92

What a difference a year makes!

After having been snowed out a year earlier, participants in the 2006 Old Boys' Hockey Tournament had to choose between hitting the ice or the golf green. Thankfully, most chose to take part in the tournament and, despite the earlier-than-usual date of December 15, four teams were put together to compete for the coveted trophy.

After a brief welcome from Selwyn House Athletic Director Steve Mitchell, the games got underway with the Red Team jumping out to an early win, then continuing their winning ways in their next game, defeating Headmaster Will Mitchell's Gold Team. Red returned to ice for an exciting play-off showdown, and extended their unbeaten streak to claim the Nicoll Cup for 2006.

After the game, the players gathered upstairs for some refreshments and reminiscing. Steve Mitchell unveiled an exciting new Selwyn House hockey jersey to commemorate the school's centennial and awarded several prizes.

All in all, it was a great day of hockey and many thanks must go out to Courtney Prieur, Kelli Poulin and Steve Mitchell for putting it all together. Next year's tournament should return to its usual date, and will, no doubt, be just as exciting.



Athletic Director Steve Mitchell (left) and Tom Nicoll present the Nicoll Cup to Tom Evans, Red captain.



From left; Casey Auerbach 2004, Rod Leider 2000 and Justin McManus '99.

Attendees

Class	Name	Class	Name
1974	Bryan N. Fitzpatrick	1999	Justin McManus
1977	Colin R. Bird	1999	Thomas A. Mezey
1977	Timothy D. Fitzpatrick	1999	Joshua N. Wisenthal
1980	Ali T. Argun	2000	Roderick A. Leider
1981	John A. Czaharyn	2001	Christopher Churchill-Smith
1982	Graeme L. Jarvis	2001	Thomas D. Evans
1989	Stephen Barkman	2001	Trevor C. Shannon
1992	Velos J. Christou	2002	Jason A. Prizant
1995	Richard S. Mezey	2003	Jared D. Tauben
1995	Francesco San Gregorio	2004	Brian C. Auerbach
1995	Brandon A. Sant	2005	Dana J. Coviensky
1996	Scott M. Bailey	2005	Camile Hamel d'Entremont
1997	Charles C. Colby	2005	Sammy Hammouda
1997	Bradley J. Massi	2005	Matthew S. Shadley
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August Barbecue rekindles class spirit

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor



Max Rosenstein, Phil Clark and Sung Bae from the Class of 2005

The spirit of camaraderie shared by Selwyn House graduates is rarely more apparent than it is at the annual August Barbecue for recent classes. Catering to Old Boys from the five most recent graduation years, the August Barbecue is often the first time many of these young men have returned to the school since graduation.

The bond that is immediately rekindled among classmates as they greet one another demonstrates that a solid connection exists among all members the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association, even though the younger ones sometimes have to be away from the school for a year or two before they realize it.

The turnout was good for the 2006 Barbecue on August 24, 2006. Classmates caught up on each other's post-Selwyn activities, enjoyed some first-class burgers and salads prepared by Joseph Elleisy, Dave Teebenny, Steve Durant and the rest of the Selwyn House kitchen staff, toured the renovated Lucas Building, and listened to a few words of welcome from Headmaster Will Mitchell, Outgoing Old Boys' Association President Fil Papich and Courtney Prieur, Director of Alumni Relations.

More photos at www.selwyn.ca

Attendees

1974 Thomas Konigsthal
1974 Paul Mayer
1977 Filip Papich
1979 Nicholas R. Powell
1979 Alan P. Rossy
1995 Raymond Ayas
2001 Andrew Wong
2002 Robert D. Campbell
2002 Robert I. Chon
2002 Jeffy Chui
2002 Anish M. Patel
2002 Najib P. Sallman
2002 Giovanni Scalia
2002 Matthew R. Tabah
2003 Miguel N. Burnier
2004 Charles H. Ayas
2004 Paul R. Delplace
2004 Max H. Graham
2004 Justin A. Ivaskiv
2004 Benjamin A. Meadow
2004 Andrew N. Medalsy
2004 Jonathan A. Merritt
2004 Thomas S. Morse
2004 Ivan A. Neilson
2004 Andrew Reid-Workman
2004 Joshua I. Rosenstein
2004 Lee P. Rovinescu
2004 Benjamin J. Shell-Schnitzer
2004 Moses I. Tannenbaum
2004 Christopher D. Wong
2005 Mani A. Alaei
2005 Jordan S. Altman
2005 Sung Bae
2005 Aaron J. Besner
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Class of 2003 wins No Classic

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

A team made up of graduates from the class of 2003 claimed the title in the third annual Colin No Classic alumni basketball tournament, played on January 25, 2006 at Selwyn House.

A total of 23 Old Boys, teachers and coaches joined in for some spirited play that demonstrated that, even after a year or two off the court, few participants had lost their agility and hustle.

After six 15-minute games, the Red Team from '03 emerged as the winner, having taken the last see-saw round by only two points.

After the games, everyone gathered in the Agora for some beer and pizza, and a few words from Headmaster Will Mitchell and Old Boys' Association President Fil Papich. Bill Bedard was on hand with his video camera to tape reminiscences from Old Boys to be included in the upcoming Selwyn House centennial book.

The tournament is held annually to remember the passing of Colin No '97, who died suddenly of a brain aneurism at the age of 21, and to support a financial aid fund in his name, which now totals \$4,698.27.

In attendance were: Colin Boyle (staff), Kevin Boyle '97, Martin Boyle (staff), Miguel Burnier 2003, Charles Cabana 2006, Adriano Cesta 2002, David Cude (former staff), Samuel Fish 2003, Andrew Funamoto 2006, Michael Grover 2003, Bryan Guinness '93, Andrew Horn



The 2003 team after their win. From left: Luka Pavlovic, Michael Grover, Miguel Burnier, Nicholas Tsoukas, Samuel Fish, Abibou Ngom and former staff member David Cude, scorekeeper.

'92, Ziad Kaedbey '97, Po Yen Lin 2006, Eric Martz 2002, Richard Martz '97, William Mitchell (staff), Abibou Ngom 2003, Tobias No '97, Alfie Paoletti (staff), Filip Papich '77, Luka Pavlovic 2003, Kelli Poulin (staff), Heather Rochette (staff), Alan Rossy '79, Nicholas Tsoukas 2003 and Stephen Tsoukas 2006. More photos at www.selwyn.ca



Adriano Cesta 2002 (left), with Sam Fish 2003.



Handrew Horn and Luka Pavlovic (right) 2003.



Ziad Kaedbey '97 with Nicholas Tsoukas 2003.

Ottawa Reunion 2006

By Sean McKinnon '98

Old Boys from the Ottawa Chapter held their annual reunion on November 8. Tom Pitfield '93 was generous enough to lend a helping hand and host the event at T.J. Pagoda's, his trendy new restaurant in the heart of Ottawa's Byward Market.

The event was well attended by Old Boys ranging from the class of '52 to the graduates of '99. Headmaster Will Mitchell spoke to the group about the importance of the Old Boy community, and introduced the new president of the Old Boys' Association, Paul Mayer '74. Mr. Mitchell also spoke about the school's upcoming Centennial celebration, which promises to be an exciting event.

The Ottawa reunion was a great way to connect with alumni in the Ottawa area. If there are any Old Boys living in Ottawa who would like to attend future events, they should contact me by e-mail at macstar5@hotmail.com.

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From left: John Udd '52, Ivan Ralston '61 and Roger Thomas '59.



Sean McKinnon '98, David McKinnon '95, Jason Tsoukas '99 and Peter Szilagyi '99.



Tony Stikeman '61 (right) with Headmaster Will Mitchell.

Denver Reunion

Old Boys living in and around Denver, Colorado held a reunion dinner on February 28, 2007 at the Chinook Tavern. In attendance to meet with Headmaster Will Mitchell were:

John Cohen '53
George Samuel '84
Robert Sarfi '86
Jamie Turner '76

Tuition Raffle winners

Winners of this year's Tuition Raffle were the Shiri Family, Dr. Emil Shiri and Mrs. Mona Shiri, who won free tuition for their son for the 2007-2008 school year.

New York City Reunion 2007

By Alexander Kippen '78

Thanks to the Selwyn House Advancement Office, two-dozen Old Boys found themselves overlooking Times Square from the top of the Reuters Building during this year's New York City reunion on March 28.

This was the third year Selwyn House has held a reunion in New York. Old Boys looked out onto the lights of mid-town Manhattan through 20-foot-high floor-to-ceiling windows while drinking wine and munching on a terrific light dinner of sandwiches with an assortment of cheeses and grapes.

New York Old Boys like Conrad Harrington and Edouard Morin attended from classes as recent as 2000, while Ivan E. Phillips represented the Class of 1950. Among those who dropped in after learning of the reunion at the last minute was David Kippen '86, who came to meet with friends, including Ian Ogilvie '83 and Nick von Moltke '83.

While this year's reunion was missing the school band that serenaded us last year, we did hear some interesting (and, to some of us, surprising) news from Headmaster William Mitchell on Quebec's Bill 104, which places new restrictions on school eligibility. If the legislation stands, our grandchildren might not be allowed to attend Selwyn House nor any other English-language school in Quebec.

For Old Boys who remember Selwyn House from the 70s or 80s, the reunion was a chance to learn how radically



From left: Farhan Memon '88, Robert-Ed Morin 2000, Conrad Harrington 2000 and Adam Rozencwajg 2001.

the school has changed. What was once a hard-hitting academic environment has become a much bigger, alarmingly modern place where math and languages now compete with sports and art.

The reunion was a chance to have fun, get a quick update on other New York Old Boys, and on the school and its future.

More photos at www.selwyn.ca



Alexander Kippen '78 receives a tie from Headmaster Will Mitchell.



Alumni parent Anne Morin with Ivan Phillips '50.



From left: Ian Ogilvie '83, Nicholas Tingley '83 and Nicholas von Moltke '83.

Toronto Reunion 2007

By Laurence Isaac '95

Perhaps I am easily amazed, but it never ceases to surprise me that, regardless of which corner of the world I find myself in or which situation I am living in, I can expect to meet someone with whom I share an intimate history.

This corner of the world is Toronto (nearly six hours away from 95 Côte St. Antoine, according to Mapquest) and the situation was this city's chapter reunion on April 26.

Describing the Old Boys requires a myriad of words that escape me. For some, it was an opportunity to enjoy mingling around a fantastic selection of canapés and beverages. For others, it provided a realization of time having passed, of times still changing, and of things missed in between. For me, it was spent in exclamation: "Jon Gross ('94)! I haven't seen you in 13 years! Ikeman ('95)! Where have you been?" "Sean Sofin ('84), great to meet you!" And, of course, "Selwyn House used to be on Redpath!"

Reunions are a reflection of our own aging captured in the faces of our friends and teachers when we see they have aged gracefully but noticeably. Reunions are a reminder of our youth and a chance to return to a less mature time when reminiscing with an old high school friend. Ultimately, they provide a feeling of commonality, regardless of age and social mores, when speaking to retirement-age Old Boys who graduated from Selwyn House when the school was



Members of the Class of '95, from left: Ray Ayas, Jesse Ikeman, Hafez Lalani, David Novak and Laurence Isaac.

still on Redpath (Charles Chaffey '54 and Lee Watchorn '59).

The Toronto Reunion was a quiet and pleasant event where I had the chance to learn about the Selwyn House vision for the future, reunite with my old friends, make some new ones, and share, with all other Old Boys, those times that we may not want to repeat, but which we definitely hold dear.

To see more photos from the Toronto Reunion, go to the Alumni Photo Gallery at www.selwyn.ca



Photo at left: Stewart Patch '69 with Matthew Elder '70



Lee Watchorn '59 (left) with Charles Chaffey '54



Sean Sofin '84 (left) with Greg Speirs '89

Tokarsky receives Old Boys' Scholarship

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

Alexander Tokarsky, Alexandre Trudeau, Jean-Christophe Azzopardi and Kevin Ward are the winners of the 2007 Grade 7 Academic Merit Scholarships, which were presented at an assembly of current Grade 6 students on March 8.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of each current Grade 6 student's combined scores on the French, English and math components of the scholarship exam. Selwyn House Director of Admission Nathalie Gervais congratulated all the Grade 6 boys for coming in for three or four hours on a sunny winter Saturday, when they could have been out on the ski slopes, to take the exams.

Alexander Tokarsky, who recorded the highest marks on the exam, received the Old Boys' Association Academic Merit Scholarship, which consists of \$2,500 each year as the winner advances through Grades 7-11.

Old Boys' Association President Paul Mayer '74 was on hand to present the award and explain to the Grade 6 students what the Old Boys' Association is all about. "Look around you," he said. "Your best friends today will be your best friends for the rest of your life." Selwyn House graduates, he added, are there to congratulate one another on their accomplishments and to support one another in times of difficulty.

Other scholarships

For achieving the second-highest score on the exam, Alexandre Trudeau received the Aditya Pathak Merit Scholarship, awarded in memory of a Grade 9 student who died in a tragic accident in 2003. At the time of Addy's death, Headmaster Will Mitchell described him as "an excellent student, admired by both his teachers and classmates for his work ethic and intelligence." This scholarship, which consists of \$1,000 per year for five years, was presented by Asha Pathak, Addy's mother.

For placing third and fourth on the exam, Jean-Christophe Azzopardi and Kevin Ward each received the Selwyn House Academic Merit Scholarship, also worth \$1,000 per year for five years.



Alexander Tokarsky receives the Old Boys' Association Academic Merit Scholarship from OBA president Paul Mayer '74 and Elementary School Director Kathy Funamoto.

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Old Boys and parents enliven Career Day

By Richard Wills, Joseph Campbell and Courtney Prieur

Old Boys and parents provided the core of the program on Career Day, held on April 18. The following synopses give a taste of what the guest speakers talked about in their respective sessions.

Ali Argun '80

On his way to his Career Day workshop, Ali Argun overheard a teacher in the hallway say to a student, "Button that top button, Mister." Immediately, Ali vividly recalled some uncomfortable high-school moments under cross-examination in the Selwyn House Headmaster's office. The way he tells it now, it was under the withering gaze of the headmaster that he first came to appreciate his gift for respectfully arguing his position under pressure. He has since used that gift in creating a successful career as a litigator.

Something else Ali credits to his Selwyn House experience is his ability to see and argue both sides of every issue. This is critical, he says, for winning your client's case. If you understand all sides of the issue, organize the facts, and are well prepared, you can be a credible advocate for your client's position.

Not only is Ali a credible advocate, he has built a solid reputation for himself by winning. Fresh out of McGill Law School, Ali lost a court case because he was not given sufficient time to prepare. It was the first and last time he lost in court—eighteen years ago. He realized then that not only does he intensely dislike losing, but that his "favourite thing in life to do is to win."

Tim Paul '71

"A superior pilot is one who uses his/her superior judgment to avoid having to use his/her superior skill." As a test pilot for Bombardier, Tim Paul '71 presented this axiom to students at Career Day as the watchword of his profession.

Based at Trudeau Airport, Tim flies everything from single-engine planes to 50-passenger airliners. The very popular Challenger jets, used by prime ministers and other dignitaries, can cost upwards of \$35 million. Before such an aircraft can be delivered to a client, a test pilot takes it through a battery of tests of engines, navigation, and pressurization components,

finally taking the aircraft through a series of high-speed dives.

For Tim, the payoff comes with challenging jobs, such as a recent test spray of downtown Vancouver to eradicate the Asian Gypsy Moth. Flying over the streets of a major city at 50-100 feet above ground level is a very exciting way to earn a living, says Tim.

Tim's final advice for the students: "Find something you like doing, and you'll never work another day in your life."

Michael Kronish '86

Finding the right career is often a case of serendipity.

Michael Kronish '86 has become a successful movie and television producer for Galafilms, in spite of having no education in his field. "I found myself working in the television and film industry almost by accident," he told his Career Day audience.

Starting at the bottom and working his way up, he has produced feature films, science shows, movies of the week, reality TV and documentaries, including Gemini-winning pieces on Cirque du Soleil, Jackie Robinson, and *Life and Times* episodes on Margaret Trudeau and Donovan Bailey. "If you have an interest in filmmaking you can make things happen," he says.

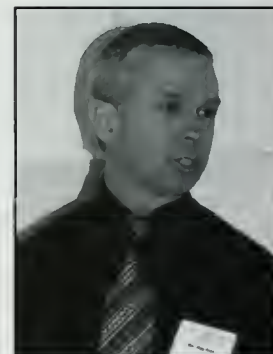
One of the best things about his job is the variety, Michael says. "You get to choose a subject and then totally immerse yourself in it for one or two years of your life, then drop it and become an expert who talks, thinks and breathes something else."

Lately, reality TV has become Michael's forté. He is currently producing the documentary series *Webdreams II*, which follows a cast of characters who dream of making it big in the amateur online adult entertainment industry. He showed students a short pilot for a series in the works about cops on the beat in a rough neighbourhood of east-end Vancouver, and the innovative techniques they've undertaken to fight drug-related crime.

"The only people who should be in this business are those who can't imagine themselves doing anything else."



Ali Argun '80



Tim Paul '71



Michael Kronish '86

Career Day

Tarek Razek '84

Trauma surgeons never say "No," said Dr. Trevor Razek '84, and our lives depend on it. In the course of Dr. Razek's Career Day workshop, students were shown some graphic video that demonstrated the degree to which trauma surgeons hold our lives in their hands every day.

As director of trauma programs at McGill University Health Centre and Montreal General Hospital, Dr. Razek was very involved in treating injuries from last year's shooting at Dawson College, as well as the collapse of a highway overpass in Laval. He is also very active in international health, having worked as a war surgeon in east Africa for the Red Cross and with Red Cross disaster response teams.

At the Dawson shooting, his team treated 11 victims in 30 minutes. "We were fortunate," he says, that only one victim died.

Dr. Razek spent three months in Sudan, working 12 hours a day, seven days a week, treating everything from victims of rebel gunfire to children who had been attacked by hyenas. His photographs of the victims were a shocking sight.

Dr. Razek's audience was riveted when he played a videotape of a surgery being performed on a young gunshot victim who had, essentially died on the operating table. "If you die while we're looking at you, you have another 5-10 minutes," he explained. Within that critical span of time, emergency surgeons saved the young man by performing radical chest surgery to find and suture multiple holes through his heart.

Trauma surgery is "Very dramatic work," Dr. Razek concluded. "It puts your own life in perspective."

Liam Maloney '93

Every picture tells a story, Liam Maloney '93 told students at Career Day.

As a photojournalist, Liam feels he has "the best job in the world." He doesn't earn much money, works in conflict zones around the world and more than once has had his life threatened, but he loves his work.

After graduating from Selwyn House, Liam attended Marianopolis and studied philosophy

at McGill, then toured with a punk rock band for eight years. Afterward, he then returned to Montreal and studied communications at Concordia.

Liam produced several films that ended up in major film festivals. Ultimately, however, he decided that still photos could tell a much more powerful story.

"I realized," he said, "that the real stories are the ones that already exist, not those you create."

Liam has traveled the world taking photos of people and places. He has covered elections in Bolivia, cocaine production in the Andes, Hurricane Katrina's aftermath, the fallout of war in Lebanon, militant Shiite groups in the Middle East, daily life in Aboriginal reserves, local and federal politics, rock stars and street kids. His work has appeared in *Macleans*, *The Gazette*, the *Toronto Star*, *Hour*, *Voir*, *Now*, *Seed* and *Shameless* magazines, *The National Review of Medicine* and the National Film Board.

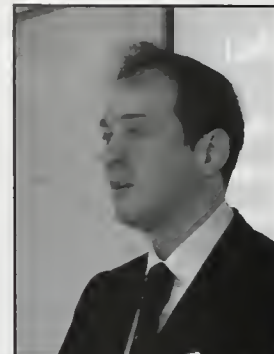
Liam told the students about being detained by soldiers in Lebanon, who held him for interrogation until he started talking to one of his captors and learned that the soldier's brother lives in Montreal. The interrogation was immediately transformed into a friendly chat over coffee.

Liam sees his role as one of making people aware of important issues happening around the world, a job that can be both incredibly frustrating and incredibly rewarding.

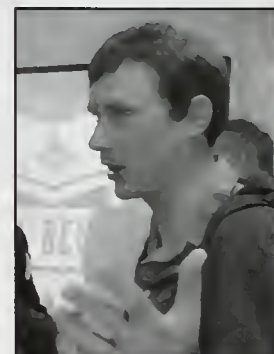
Robert Levy '77

The founder, president and CEO of BrandSpark International, a leading branding and market-research company, had an important message for Career Day students: "follow your passion and your interests, and the opportunities will unfold."

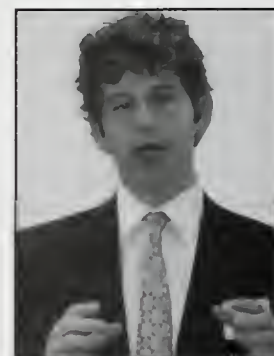
He illustrated his message by reconstructing his post-Selwyn House career. At university, Robert found that he loved his marketing and psychology courses; but to the university student, marketing simply "didn't seem like a career" in the early 1980s. He chose instead to go to law school. After five years in law practice, he decided that he wanted a job where



Tarek Razek '84



Liam Maloney '93



Robert Levy '77

Career Day

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he could put his creative abilities and interest in marketing to use, so he took a risk and left the firm, moving to Europe, where he eventually built a network to help Canadian businesses invest in the Czech Republic. Through his work in eastern Europe, he was offered a job at Cara Operations. When he left Cara to start his own business, his previous employer became his first client.

For the past six years, Robert has been involved in market research and brand strategy, recently working with Bombardier Recreational Products on the branding and marketing of their new three-wheeled motorcycle, the Spyder. As a marketing executive and consultant, he has found it useful to be a person who asks questions and is intensely curious. Every day is one for questioning and learning. It is this spirit that helps him meet the needs of Brandspark's clients.

Mark Smith, SHS parent

"I am living my dream, and there's no reason why you can't, too" Selwyn House parent Mark Smith told Senior School boys on Career Day.

Mark is president of Pandion Investments Ltd., which manages all investment activities for the Sinclair family, including tax and estate planning. Bill Sinclair, the chairman of Pandion, is the co-founder of JDS Uniphase, the world's largest fibre-optic company, which at its peak was valued at more than \$250 billion.

Mark began his career with Touche Ross in 1982. In 1986, he joined the Claridge Group, the private investment management holding company that manages the affairs of the Charles R. Bronfman Family, which at the time controlled The Montreal Expos and Seagram's, which, in the late 1990s acquired MCA, owner of Universal Pictures, Universal Music and the Universal Theme Park in Florida. He led the acquisition of Labatt's Communications, which owned TSN, RDS and the Discovery Channel. In 2000, he joined Pandion Investments.

Mark told the Selwyn House students that his daily activities can be very exciting. Examples would include TSN board's decision on a hockey rights deal, Seagram's acquisition of Universal Music and Universal Pictures, negotiations to sell X Software to Apple, and the financing of the Rolling Stones' \$100-million worldwide concert tour.

Mark graduated from Dorval High School, studied commerce in CEGEP and graduated from McGill with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and became a chartered accountant.

Mark says he comes from a humble family background, so becoming a CA was seen as a good ticket to a better life.

He migrated into the investment side of accounting through the help of a mentor.

"Mentors are key," says Mark. He encouraged interested students to look for summer jobs in his field. "When you're young, take the time to ask as many questions as you want."

Paula Shannon, SHS parent

Paula Shannon, international sales executive, had important words for Selwyn House Senior School students: today's businesses are, to a large extent, being driven by language. To reach the one billion "wired" people in the world, a company must be able to communicate in 127 languages. To reach the next billion will require about ten times that number of languages.

Paula's employer, Lionbridge, has 4,000 employees in 25 countries and works with 12,000 translators. "Localization" is the process of adapting a global product to make it look as if it was created in and designed for the local market. Thus the work of Lionbridge encompasses more than just translation services and marketing, but also includes highly technical functions, like software engineering.

Paula told the students that looking at her career reveals some important lessons for them. She began her career in fine arts, but after returning from a European immersion program with an interest in languages and other countries and cultures, she decided to change her occupation. What she calls "diversions"—like her immersion experience—are important. As a fine arts student, she had no concept of the kind of job she would be doing today. In fact, the job she has now did not exist—could not have existed—when she graduated from university. It was made possible only through revolutionary technological advances and changes in how companies do business. She told the students to be ready to seize opportunities as new jobs are created: of all the different kinds of jobs that students will have a choice of when they graduate from university in five years, she estimated that as many as three-quarters of those jobs do not even exist today.



Mark Smith



Paula Shannon

Career Day keynote speaker: Tyler Cavell '94

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

"Is the future of TV news on TV at all?" This was the question raised by Tyler Cavell '94, whose company, Internet Broadcast Corporation, has been identified by ABC News as the leading Internet television news network. Tyler likes to think of it as "the CNN of the Internet."

The Selwyn House graduate has the confidence to make things happen, and the steps to that goal were laid out clearly in his keynote address to students at the 2007 Career Day.

"To get there you have to start at a place like Selwyn House," Tyler began. "I got a lot of my foundation here to build a global business." He credits Selwyn House for providing a head start by giving students exposure to people from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Tyler made reference to accomplishments made by Selwyn House this year, including several GMAA banners won by athletic teams and a \$33,149 donation to the Terry Fox Foundation. Success in business requires the same ingredients, he said.

There are three things you must have to be successful, he said: heart, to believe you can make a difference; commitment, to follow through on your vision; and passion, to enjoy what you do. "These are the lessons I learned at Selwyn House that have allowed me to do the things I've done."

After Selwyn House and John Abbott, Tyler earned three degrees, studying media and economics at the London School of Economics, the University of Southern California, Western, and the University of Natal, in South Africa.

Eye-opener

Going to South Africa was an eye-opener for Tyler. His family and friends were fearful for his safety if he went there. When he got there, he discovered their fears were unfounded. "I realized that the news portrays sensationalism," he recalls. "In North America there is really only one single view of events."

"Media can only be understood if we see what's going on around the world."

After doing relief work in Honduras, Tyler moved on to become a strategic media

consultant in Europe and a business development manager for a private media company in the United Kingdom.

But his vision of providing a broader view of world events began to take shape when he founded IBC in 2004. Through its Web site NUVU.TV, IBC carries 125 dispatches every day from 35 broadcasters around the world to 95 countries, with a million users in Canada alone. He procures video broadcast from local news services around the world and runs them online with English subtitles.

Syndicated video

"We aggregate video from all over the world and we syndicate it out to different broadcasters or websites," Tyler explained, citing the example of a recent article in the *National Post* on the Pope's visit to Turkey. The newspaper wanted video of that event to accompany the story on the *Post* website, so they came to IBC.

"We think we have made a difference to allow people to see what goes on in different parts of the world," Tyler says.

Also, by obtaining written transcripts along with the video, NUVU is able to offer a searchable database of stories, an innovation that Google chose not to pursue.

"We saw a great opportunity there," says Tyler. "Taking risk is key."

Which way to the road less travelled? Tyler has some suggestions. "Take a risk. Start by going outside Quebec—or even Canada—for university," he recommended.

"You'll be able to pull together contacts from around the world and do something special."



Tyler Cavell '94

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Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament '07

By William Daly '52, Chairman, Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament Committee



From left: Parent Matt O'Toole tees off, parent Adam Cutler in the sand and Justin Kuzmicki 2005 sinks a putt.

May 28 was cool and overcast, with a stubborn wind that was a challenge on the fairways, but not enough of a challenge to prevent Michael Avedesian '88 from carding a low gross of 78 to win the Old Boys' Trophy in the Ninth Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament.

Michael's foursome, rounded out by Jamie Ritchie '88, Tim Fitzpatrick '77 and parent Scott Jones, took home the Low Net team honours with a score of 145.

Old Boys, alumni and current parents and good friends began arriving at the Kanawaki Golf Club by 10:30 a.m. After registration they headed to the practice range to loosen up and perfect their swing. Club pro John Murray was on hand to videotape the practice session and provide a detailed analysis of a golfer's swing.

After a delicious buffet lunch, it

was off to the links for the 12:30 shotgun start. This year's round went smoothly, with all contestants back at the club house five hours later.

Some of the winners received their trophies during the cocktail hour and silent auction. After dinner Michael Avedesian received his trophy before donning the champion's yellow blazer and switching to his traditional auctioneer's role for the live auction. With Michael at the microphone, the auction is always hilarious, but this year's bidding also included an emotional standing ovation when SHS parent Alex Zammit bid \$3,000 for a first-game jersey worn by Torrey Mitchell 2002, then handed over the jersey to Torrey's father, SHS Athletic Director Steve Mitchell.

This year, the Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament presented \$5,000 from the proceeds of the tournament

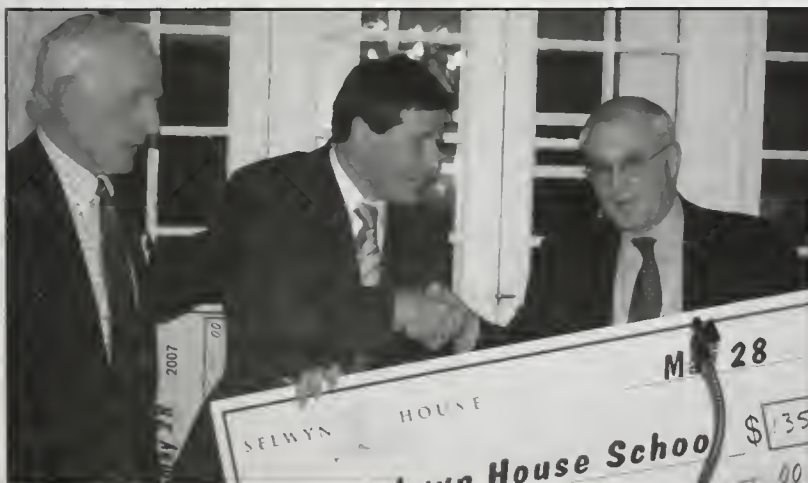
to the Unicorn Children's Foundation, a local charity for children with neurodevelopmental disorders.

The golf committee members and I thank all the Selwyn House staff and volunteers who worked untiringly over the last six months to make the tournament a repeat success. Thanks also to Jean Royer and the staff at Kanawaki Golf Club for excellent service.

Again this year, Cinémas Guzzo was the main tournament sponsor. We thank Vince Guzzo '86 for his continued support, as well as all other long-standing sponsors who have helped us establish a healthy endowment for financial assistance, in order to bring a Selwyn House education within the reach of any gifted student.

The 2008 tournament will be at Royal Montreal Golf Club on May 26.

Golf Tournament



Above left: Peter Morton tees off.
Top right, William Daly presents the Old Boys' cup to Michael Avedesian '88.
Middle photo: the tournament committee, from left: Courtney Prieur, Director of Alumni Relations; James McMillan, Director of Advancement; Michael Avedesian '88; Ian Pickwoad '87; Brad Massi '97; Matthew Beckerleg '94; Ali Argun '80; William Daly '52, Chairman; Dan Fletcher '86; Bill Black '86; Chris Gillett '85 and David Miller '80.
Bottom photo: Golf Tournament Chairman William Daly '52 (left) and Old Boys' Association Past President Fil Papich '74 (centre) present a cheque for \$135,472 to Headmaster Will Mitchell.

Results

Low Team Net (145) Michael Avedesian
Jamie Ritchie
Tim Fitzpatrick
Scott Jones
Low Gross, Old Boy (78) . Michael Avedesian
Low Gross, Guest (80) Jeffrey Tory
Low Gross, Ladies (83) . Claire Cusson Preston
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Old Boys' Association news

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- **Thursday, August 23, 2007:**
8th Annual Young Alum Barbecue
(Classes of 2002-2006)
6:00-8:30 p.m. Speirs courtyard
- **Wednesday, September 12, 2007:**
Wednesday night basketball - play resumes
7:00-8:30 p.m. Macaulay gym
- **Friday, September 28, 2007:**
29th Annual Old Boys' Reunion
Selwyn House School
5:00 p.m. tours, 6:00 p.m. cocktails,
7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting and
dinner, pub until 11:30 p.m.
See back cover for more info.
- **October 2007:**
Annual Giving campaign begins.
- **Thursday, October 4, 2007:**
**Grade 11 Old Boys' Association
Induction Dinner**
5:00-7:00 p.m. Coristine Hall
- **Thursday, November 8, 2007:**
Ottawa Old Boys' Reunion
6:00- 8:30 p.m. T.J. Pagoda's
Restaurant
- **Thursday, November 22, 2007:**
**Founder's Day / Centennial
Celebration Launch**
Selwyn House turns 99 years old.
Cocktail reception for all
6 p.m. Coristine Hall



The Old Boys' Association Board of Directors for 2006-2007. From left: David Skinner '82; Tom Königsthal '74; Paul Mayer '74, President; Ray Ayas '95; Matthew Beckerleg '95; Michael Osterland '78; and Fil Papich '77, Past President. Absent from photo: Vice-President Vince Guzzo '86; Alan Rossy '79; Secretary Hagen Mehnert '84; Bill Black '86 and Nicholas Powell '79.

- **Friday, December 21, 2007:**
**10th Annual Old Boys' Hockey
Tournament**
1:00-5:00 p.m. Verdun Auditorium
- **Thursday, January 24, 2008:**
**4th Annual Colin No Basketball
Classic**
6:00-8:00 p.m. Speirs Gym
- **Thursday, February 28, 2008:**
New York Old Boys' Reunion
Time and Location TBC
- **Thursday, March 13, 2008:**
London, UK Old Boys' Reunion
Canada House, time TBC
- **Thursday, April 17, 2008:**
Centennial Gala Event
Selwyn House, time TBC
- **Wednesday, April 30, 2008**
(tentative):
Career Day
8:30-11:30 a.m. Macaulay Building
- **Thursday, May 8, 2008**
(tentative):
Toronto Old Boys' Reunion
Time and Location TBC
- **Monday, May 26, 2008:**
**10th Annual Alumni & Friends
Golf Tournament**
Royal Montreal Golf Club
- **June 2008 (date TBC):**
**9th Annual Old Boys' Tennis
Tournament**
Hillside Tennis Club

Grade 11 OBA Induction Dinner

By Paul Mayer '74, OBA President

Members of the class of 2007 became members of an exclusive brotherhood on May 31 when they were inducted into the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association.

This year marked the first time in decades the annual induction ceremony has been conducted at an evening banquet in Coristine Hall.

The objective of the evening is to welcome the graduates as members of the association and to speak to them about the rights, privileges and obligations of this membership.

Directors of the Old Boys' Association on hand for the induction were: Raymond Ayas '95, Matthew Beckerleg '94, Tom Königsthal '74, Michael Osterland '78, Filip Papich '77 and David Skinner '82.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Selwyn House Association who attended this special evening were: Ted Claxton '73, Bryan Fitzpatrick '74, and John Hallward '78.

Guests included eight Old Boys from the class of 1974: Stuart Iversen, Mark Culver, Paul Mayer, Tom Königsthal, Bryan Fitzpatrick, George Kyres, Donald Groenewege and Murray Stark.

The youngest member of Board of Directors of the Old Boys' Association, Matthew Beckerleg '94, spoke forcefully and directly to the graduates about the friendships he has maintained with many of his classmates and how being a graduate of Selwyn House has helped him in his career.

Tom Königsthal showed a creative slideshow he prepared for the evening which illustrated the relevance of the association for the grads.

Each graduate received an Old Boys' tie and a class photo as he was inducted into the association.

The following were named OBA representatives for the class of 2007: Tim Charron, Derek Hallward, Alex Mayer, Marc Minogue, Ryan Quinn and Matthew Vesnaver.

The evening was particularly pleasant with a fine roast beef dinner, a beautiful air-conditioned dining room, with many Old Boys mingling with the new graduates.

For me, being an Old Boy is about staying in touch with friends. It's about celebrating special moments together and helping each other out in times of adversity. It is also about giving back to an institution that has given so much to this community in its 100-year history.

I hope that this event will become a tradition for years to come.



Class reps from the Class of 2007 from left: Ryan Quinn, Matthew Vesnaver, Marc Minogue, OBA President Paul Mayer, Alex Mayer, Derek Hallward and Tim Charron.



Gerald Kounadis, Head Prefect of 2007, is welcomed into the OBA by board members Michael Osterland '78 and Fil Papich '77.

8th annual Old Boys' Tennis Tournament

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor



The winners, William Daly '52 (left) and SHS Senior math teacher Andy Lumsden (right) receive the trophy from Matthew Beckerleg '94.

The eighth annual Old Boys' Tennis Tournament, held on June 12 at the Hillside Tennis Club on Côte des Neiges, continued the string of success that this event has enjoyed from the beginning.

With beautiful weather and good participation, this year's tournament was an occasion for good fellowship among Old Boys and staff alike.

Organized by William Daly '52 and Alumni Relations Director Courtney Prieur, the tournament has proven popular with some of the younger alums. "A lot of younger Old Boys from the classes of the 90s take part," Courtney points out.

The tournament is played on three courts at Hillside, in a round robin format, with participants changing partners after every game.

As Charles Porteous '84 mentioned that the tournament offers Old Boys a rare opportunity to sit and talk at

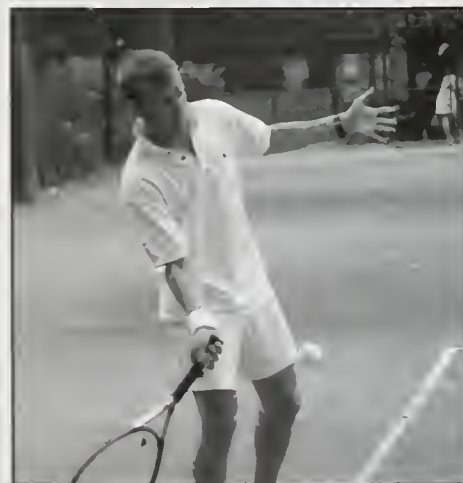
length with staff members such as Headmaster Will Mitchell about what's going on at the school and have some dialogue and discussion with fellow Old Boys.

Players

William Daly '52
Andrew Ramsey '84
Stephen Barkman '89
Matthew Beckerleg '94
Nick Kaulbach '94
Nick Yanow '97
Marc Schwarz 2001
James Boxer '90
Ronald Simpson '90
Andrew Lumsden, staff
William Mitchell, staff

Dinner Guests

Jaime McMillan, staff
Courtney Prieur, staff
Charles Porteous '84



Top: Andrew Ramsey '84. Middle: Nick Yanow '97. Bottom: William Daly '52 serves over the head of Matthew Beckerleg '94.

Banner Year for Gryphons

The year 2006-2007 will go down in Selwyn House history as an outstanding year for the Gryphons. Selwyn House athletes won more banners than they have since the 1995-1996 season.

U-13 Soccer

Selwyn House emerged as co-winner of the consolation championship at the 30th Annual Canadian Association of Independent Schools' Under-13 Soccer Tournament, co-hosted by Selwyn House and Lower Canada College October 19-21.

Cold, rainy weather did not prevent the competition from heating up, with Saturday's final game ending in an exciting sudden-death victory by Collingwood over Upper Canada College.

Three hundred players representing 20 schools from all across Canada took part in the tournament, with players being billeted in homes of Selwyn House and LCC students.

Selwyn House shared the honours in the consolation final with St. Michael's University School from Victoria, B.C.

Bantam football

From the *Westmount Examiner*

Selwyn House Gryphons won their first GMAA Bantam Football Championship in six years by a score of 15-6 in a closely contested and well-played game against Lower Canada College on October 28.

LCC had defeated Kuper Academy 19-6 to make it to the finals. The Gryphons, who had been averaging 28 points per game in their first undefeated season in 15 years, made it to the championships by defeating Loyola 39-6.

The weather for the final game was nasty. A large and dedicated crowd braved the elements to support the two teams on the rain-soaked field at Westmount High School, where conditions couldn't have been worse. The mud was ankle deep and slippery.

Both teams had to adjust to the elements, and the Gryphons were a very skilled group of players with many offensive weapons.

Lower Canada scored first on a sensational 75-yard pass-and-run play. Selwyn House countered almost immediately by driving the

ball the length of the field. The power running of Michael Aziz, Charles Chan, Oliver Maurovich and Jack Melkerson slowly wore down the LCC defence and Selwyn House scored on a Maurovich six-yard run to tie the score. Josh Hanek added the point and Selwyn led 7-6 at halftime.

During the second half, poor weather led to a series of turnovers. Selwyn House finally capitalized on a missed LCC punt and scored. Josh Hanek made his conversion and Selwyn House led 14-6.

"The fourth quarter was one of the most enjoyable experiences of my 23-year coaching career," says Selwyn House Head Coach Steve Mitchell. "Our boys took full possession of the ball, running straight up the middle of the field for four consecutive first downs. Quarterback Karl Schroeder was simply outstanding, calling the smart plays and running down the clock. At the LCC 15-yard line, on the fourth down, Karl punted for a single point, making it virtually impossible for LCC to come back."



Above: coach and organizer Peter Govan with the U-13 soccer team.

Below: the Champion Bantam Football Gryphons.



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"We are very fortunate to have Steve Colwell as a coach at the institution," Mr. Mitchell adds. "As a five-year player with McGill, he brings a wealth of knowledge, he is well prepared for all practices and games and is one of the calmest coaches I have ever worked with. The students simply love to play football for him. He is a huge reason for the success of the Bantam program."

Cross-country skiing

Selwyn House cross-country ski teams dominated the competition at the GMAA skiing meet on February 6, bringing home banners at the Juvenile and Midget levels.

Individually, SHS skiers brought home three medals and five ribbons, holding down four of the top seven spots in Juvenile competition, eight of the top 16 in Midget, and two of the top ten spots at the Bantam level.

In Midget competition results, Evren Boisjoli won Gold and Bjorn Dawson won Bronze, with Anthony Lowther, Thomas Nichols, Vincent Ta, Benjamin Palevsky, Minh Tri Nguyen and Leo Zuckerman taking fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and 13th places, respectively.

Eirik Stein-Anderson won gold at the Bantam level, with Tobias Atkin raking seventh place.

In Juvenile competition, David Ta Kim, Cameron Mitchell, Olivier Laroche and Patrick Levy finished in places four through seven.

"Mr. Moffat and Ms. Belanger always find a way to pull all the students together and the skiers do very well by race time. Congratulations go out to all," says Steve Mitchell.

Wrestling

The Selwyn House wrestling Gryphons put in a strong performance to win the GMAA Wrestling Championships on February 15, dethroning Kahnawake Survival School, who had held the title for the past 17 years.

The meet, hosted by Kahnawake, ended with 90 points for Selwyn House, while runner-up Kahnawake had 74. John Rennie High was third with 64 points.

"Heading into the finals, we were leading



Above:
James Bloomfield
in competition.

78-65 and were able to hold on with some thrilling performances," says Selwyn House coach Rob Moore.

Selwyn House had eight finalists and finished with four gold medals, four silver and one bronze. Charles Jo, Vinay Desai, James Bloomfield and Julian Beh Pold led the way for Selwyn House with gold medals.

"Our gold medal winners were mostly dominant," says Moore. "We overwhelmed the opposition in two matches, Jo vs. John Rennie and Desai vs. KSS, who had beaten Desai in our dual meet only two weeks earlier.

"Bloomfield overwhelmed Loyola and Beh Pold beat LaSalle to win convincingly."

Bryan Altman, Ryan Quinn, Stephen Albers and Paul Nobel won silver for Selwyn House.

Julien Neves-Pelchat won a bronze medal for the Gryphons. Will MacCulloch, Simon Altman and Kamran Chaudhry placed fourth in their respective weight classes. Jack MacCulloch placed fifth.

The last time the Gryphons won the GMAA title was in 1983, with Rob Wearing and Mike Maurovich coaching.

"Selwyn House has come second in the GMAA championships a number of times since then," Moore says, "but KSS has been so dominant over the past 17 years that we were not able to come close until last year."

This year, a number of first-year wrestlers were able to step up and win, including Desai and Beh Pold. Outstanding performances were also recorded by Nobel, whose hard work and

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perseverance won him his first GMAA medal this year; Albers, who suffered some setbacks in matches during the season, but turned things around for the championships; and Quinn and MacCulloch, who moved up in weight class to help the team effort.

"Without this, we could not have won," Moore says.

"This was the best team I have coached here, not because they won, but because they so willingly worked so hard and were so coachable," he added.

"It's not an easy task to win points in all weight categories," commented Selwyn House Athletic Director Steve Mitchell after the meet. "Our team was well prepared, spirited and disciplined. The Athletic Department is very proud of the how our boys represented the school and the manner in which they competed."

"Rob Moore leads the way in Quebec high school wrestling, and this championship proves how dedicated Rob and his wrestlers are, and that they have been preparing for this day for many years," says Steve Mitchell.

Bantam Hockey

From the *Westmount Examiner*

The Selwyn House Bantam hockey team won the GMAA banner at Cynthia Coull Arena in Greenfield Park on February 28 with a 6-4 win over top-ranked Collège Français, who had beat the Gryphons 9-3 earlier in the season.

This is the first time Selwyn House has brought home the banner since 1981.

The Gryphons' regular-season record of 11-3-0 had left them in third place, but with several veteran players, they were especially strong on defence and goaltending.

Francis Petrella was strong in nets for the Gryphons, especially when holding off a strong Collège Français onslaught during the first 10 minutes of play.

Collège Français was up 2-0 before Fred Langelier put Selwyn House on the scoreboard. Coming out of the penalty box, team captain Yasin Cissé scored a shorthanded goal on one of five breakaways.

With six minutes left in the game, Collège Français was ahead 4-3 until Gryphon Ian Levine tied it up. Then Cissé scored with three



The SHS Bantam hockey team after their banner win

minutes left and Langelier scored at the two-minute mark.

Cissé was named Championship MVP. Selwyn House Athletic Director Steve Mitchell says the six-foot 180-pounder may be the best Bantam player in the GMAA right now.

The Gryphons had beat Collège Jean-Eudes 7-3 in the quarter-final, and John Rennie High School 5-2 in the semi-final. Mitchell credits Bantam coaches Mike Maurovich and Steve Colwell for having their players well prepared for the playoffs.

Elementary basketball

The Selwyn House Elementary basketball team wrapped up an undefeated season by winning the Montreal Elementary League Championship for the first time since 2000.

The Gryphons won the trophy by defeating Kuper Academy 74-53 in the March 1 final, in what coach Julie Heath describes as an "absolutely amazing" game.

In the final, Jean-Sebastien Dackiw scored 20 points, David Smith had 20 points, nine steals and six assists and Noah Daoust had 17 points, 16 rebounds, and nine assists.

The team ended the season at 26-0-0.

"What a year with a really great group of boys," says Ms. Heath.

"This team won the league but could not have gone 26-0 without the leadership from Mr. Boyle and Ms Heath," says Steve Mitchell.

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— Selwyn

House

Athletic

Director

Steve Mitchell.

Athletic Banquet 2007



Selwyn House Sportsmen's Guild, back row from left: Ramin Mohsenin, Evan Sequeira, Dylan Brophy, Julien Beh Pold, Matthew Kendrick, William MacCulloch, Ryan Quinn and Headmaster Will Mitchell. Front row: Kevin Paul, Daniel D'Amico, Marc Minogue, Zachary Rosenthal and David Rappaport.



From left: Headmaster Mitchell and Board Member Duncan Campbell present the Cassils Memorial Trophy to Alexandre Brais. At right is Middle School Director Carol Manning.



Duncan Campbell presents the McMaster Trophy to Dylan Brophy.

Senior Prizegiving 2007

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

The following are excerpts from speeches by Selwyn House Headmaster Will Mitchell and Valedictorian and Head Prefect Gerald Kounadis, delivered at the school's Prizegiving Ceremonies on June 21, 2007.

Will Mitchell:

Much of education begins with skills and knowledge — things that are measurable. Education is further expanded through experiences that can be assessed in a context.

But, I don't think we can take much satisfaction in teaching skills and knowledge unless we believe we are also reaching a level of excellence in the intangibles we try to teach — such intangibles as independence, responsibility, integrity — important elements of a civil community.

Teaching these qualities, so vital if a society is to thrive, presents a significant challenge today. My own concern for society is that too great a degree today's youth are allowed to have their ethical and moral compasses set by their peers and not enough by significant adults in their lives. It is important for us, the significant adults, to provide consistent forums and opportunities for young people to be guided by those significant adults whether they be parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, teachers, family friends or mentors.

So, graduates of 2007, as you leave Selwyn House, I encourage you to seek out, develop and foster constructive relationships with significant adults whom you trust. By doing so, I believe you can avoid much anguish and many possible pitfalls.

As a class you have had many successes in all areas of school life: academics, extracurricular and athletic.

For those we thank you and we appreciated the positive contributions you have made.

Gerald Kounadis:

Let's take the time to look around us. In this room today, we have Old Boys, graduating boys, students, maybe even future students and this is why the school is still thriving. Our cousins might come here, our brothers might come here, our kids might come here. I know Selwyn House hasn't seen the end of the

Kounadis line. My brother Michael is still here and will be here for another six years. And so the cycle continues...

And so every single one of us contributed something to this institution.

We're one big loud diverse family under all those differences.

Although throughout the year, we didn't give them nearly enough credit, the teachers did leave their mark and they all deserve of our thanks.

And, boy, have we left our mark on them. The school will never forget the guys of 2007.

And we left our mark in the school's history. We created one of the strongest grades, maybe not always academically, but psychologically. We were there for each other when one was down. We were there for each other when times got hard. We were and always will be a strong brotherhood. We've created a piece of history that will live strong.



Head Prefect Gerald Kounadis receives the Lucas Medal from Selwyn House Board Chairman John Hallward.



Prize winners, back row, from left: Bjorn Dawson, Geoffrey Lundell-Smith, Raja Talla, David McLeod, Jon Melkerson and Gordon Paterson. Front row: Trevor Hooton, Nikhil Verma and Sebastian Krolik.

Prizegiving

Academic Awards

Grade 9: 1st, Raja Talla; 2nd, Sebastian Krolik;

3rd, Michael Abramson

Grade 10: 1st, David McLeod 2nd, Trevor Hooton;

3rd, Hanif Jetha

Distinction Awards

Chemistry – James Rossy

McGill Science Award – David Ta Kim

Physics – Nathaniel Blumer

Biology – Geoffrey Lundell-Smith

Computer Science – James Rossy

Creative Writing – Patrick Levy

McCall Prize for Art – Armando Cabba

Economics – Patrick Levy

Geography – Ryan Altman

French – *Langue Maternelle*, Nathaniel Blumer, Andrew Pancer,
Gerald Kounadis;

Langue Enrichie, Luca Melnychuk;

Langue Regulière, Sebastien Beard, Derek Hallward

Christie History Prize – David Ta Kim, Patrick Levy

Consul General of Spain Prize for Distinction in Spanish –
David McLeod, Nikhil Verma

Byron W. Harker Prize for Literature – Daniel Wolfe

Moodey Prize for Mathematics – David Ta Kim

Massi Prize for Effort – Matthew Vesnaver

Special Awards

Public Speaking Prize – Patrick Levy

E.C. Moodey Prize for Distinction in Debating – David McLeod

Patricia Marsh Drama Prize – Will Harris, Patrick Levy

Philip Quaid Memorial Prize – Raja Talla

Ernst Brandl Memorial Trophy – Bjorn Dawson

Aditya Pathak Memorial Medal for Humanity – Jon Melkerson

Robert A. Speirs Memorial Award – David McLeod

Harvard Book Award – Trevor Hooton

University of Toronto National Book Award – David Ta Kim

Thomas Henry Pentland Molson Prize – James Rossy

Governor General's Bronze Medal – David Ta Kim

YMCA Community Service Award – Neil Verma

Millennium Prize (donated by the Class of 1999) –

Kamran Chaudhry, Gerald Kounadis

Thomas Chalmers Brainerd Memorial Award – Gerald Kounadis

Jeffrey Russel Prize – Ryan Quinn

Lucas Memorial Medal – Gerald Kounadis



Grade 11 prize winners, back row, from left: Nathaniel Blumer, David Ta Kim, Kamran Chaudhry, Sebastien Beard, Matthew Vesnaver, Will Harris, Patrick Levy and Neil Verma. Front row: Andrew Pancer, Gerald Kounadis, Luca Melnychuk, James Rossy, Daniel Wolfe and Ryan Quinn.

Parent Volunteer Association Report

Admission

Lili Le Fèvre, Coordinator

Selwyn House had over fifty dedicated parents give of their time this year in the Admission Department. Incredible! They were seen greeting prospective parents at the various Open Houses, giving tours at the many "Visit the School in Action" mornings, and of course answering questions at the New Parents' Reception. They are proud of their school, and are happy to sing its praises. As Admission Volunteer Coordinator, it has been a privilege for me to work with such a dynamic group of parents. To Nathalie Gervais, Marsha Warmuth and the incredible team of student ambassadors, it has been an honour to be a part of your team. Thank you. With Mylène Francescon-Ellis taking over next year, I know the Admission Office will be well looked after. I wish you all a happy, healthy and safe summer!

Argyle Shop

Danielle Fournier, Coordinator

The mission of the Argyle Shop is to distribute its profits to benefit the entire school community. The Argyle Shop has committed \$20,000 from the 2005-2006 school year's sales and another \$20,000 from this school year's sales towards the purchase of the new bus. From time to time, the shop introduces new products for all ages. This year, the Argyle Shop introduced a Selwyn House teddy bear Christmas ornament, which was very popular and sold well. The Argyle Shop, which is staffed entirely by parent volunteers, is open three days a week, on Tuesdays 7:45-9:30 a.m., Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and Thursdays 2:00-4:00 p.m. We are in need of new volunteers for the next school year, especially on Tuesday mornings. Interested volunteers should contact with Danielle Fournier at fournierd@sympatico.ca.



PVA executive, from left: Coordinator Heather Rochette, Firouzeh Kashani-Aziz, Lisa Osterland, Mylène Francescon-Ellis, Rosemary Clarke, Danielle Fournier,

Caroline Chouinard, Lori Spence, Christine Cachia and Leigh Guerriero, incoming PVA chair

PVA Report, continued

Lunch Service

Leigh Guerriero, Caroline Chouinard, Coordinators

It was a great year for the lunch bunch parents. We had over 40 moms and dads helping through the year. Having ready-made plates for the Kindergarten and Grade 1 boys facilitated the service and encouraged our boys to eat a varied diet. A special thank you for the support from the teaching staff made lunchtime smooth and easy. I'm looking forward to seeing you all next year.

Gryphon Sale

Lisa Osterland, Coordinator

This year's Gryphon Sale of second-hand uniform items was perhaps the most successful one to date. On May 3, in three short hours, a total of \$2,878 was raised for the Nancy Pitfield Scholarship Fund. The late Nancy Pitfield was an active parent volunteer in the SHS community. The Gryphon Sale is one of Selwyn House's "greenest" events, as it recycles nearly-new clothing and donates some of the remaining items to local charities. Thus, it's a win-win-win event for the school, for conscientious parents, and for others in the community.

Decorating

Firouzeh Aziz, Coordinator

The Decorating Committee was a new committee this year, with the responsibility for helping decorate the school for holidays and special events such as Halloween, Founder's Day, Christmas and Hanukkah, CESI 2007, Teacher Appreciation Week, etc. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped me with all the events. I hope to see you all next year.



Sarah Dennis is served by Grade 2 students Wesley Osterland (left) and Dhruva Nilakantan. at the Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea.

Chair

Nicole Charbonneau

Whoever said "Time flies when you are having fun" must have been a Selwyn House parent volunteer. I cannot believe it has been five years already since my son came to SHS. What a joy it was to be involved at his school and meet other parents, teachers, staff, students and alumni. When I see my confident, polite and responsible young man today, I can't help marvel at how quickly this happened. Having been on the PVA, and having been chair for two years, I realize that volunteering is a great way to face new challenges, live many different experiences and learn new skills, all the while helping the school and staff. Not only is this fun, I was fortunate enough to make friends with a lot of outstanding people. I hope we all stay in touch, and I encourage all of you to find a way to share with one another and get involved even if it's just for a few hours. Trust me - you won't regret it. All the best to Leigh Guerriero, Heather Rochette and the PVA Board for next year. Don't be surprised if you still see me around the school.



Nicole Charbonneau,
outgoing PVA Chair



Parent Chantal Marquis can't resist a treat served by Grade 2 student Raphaël Bolté-Des Rosiers.

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1972

Thomas Hruby-Holy '72 writes: "I continue to live and practice law in Prague, where I moved 14 years ago. At the end of May 2007, my partner, Jiri Buchvaldek, and I formalized our cooperation and registered our law partnership. Our firm consists of four lawyers and two legal trainees. We cater largely to a foreign business clientele, as well as to Czech companies wishing to conduct business abroad. Many of our clients are real estate investors and developers."

1974



Paul Mayer '74, President of the Old Boys' Association and a lawyer with Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP, was appointed last November by Canada's Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to study Nunavut's push for province-like powers.

"After 21 years of primarily acting on behalf of pizza parlours, movie theatres and other retail and professional organizations in commercial lease disputes, Mr. Mayer found himself in one of Canada's remotest territories," wrote the *Globe and Mail* on June 20.

"He spent weeks interviewing

federal, territorial and industry leaders to study whether Nunavut was ready to take the reins from Ottawa and fully manage its natural resources.

"Although Nunavut has been pushing since 2003 to govern its core natural resources, which primarily consist of diamond and gold deposits, Mr. Mayer found in a report issued last week that the territory lacked the skilled labour and infrastructure to manage its fledgling mining sector.

"The territory has one diamond mine and four potential gold and uranium projects on the back burner.

"It's very important for the government of Nunavut to have this power, but they are not ready yet and would be better off taking control gradually," Mr. Mayer said in an interview.

"For the near future, he recommended that the Federal government continue to manage Nunavut's mining and energy claims on their behalf.... Mr. Mayer said that he is confident that over time the territory will eventually move to full control."

1980

David Miller '80 writes: "I have recently accepted the position of President and Chief Operating Officer of NGRAIN Corporation in Vancouver, BC. NGRAIN is focused on 3-D visualization technologies for the aerospace, defence and discrete manufacturing industries. Having been involved with NGRAIN from its inception in 2001 through late 2004, we are finally relocating to Vancouver. With respect to the new job, I began commuting between Montreal and Vancouver in April, and my family (wife, Janet, and two children Julia, 9 (The Study, class of 2015) and Joey, 7 (SHS, Class of 2017), will be moving to Vancouver in August. We look forward to returning to Montreal and the SHS community in the not-too-distant future.

1981

Joseph Kovalik '81 is currently a research scientist working at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. He is participating in research aimed at designing and implementing laser-based optical communication systems for deep space probes. The work is designed to greatly increase the rate of data transfer between spacecraft orbiting distant planets and Earth-based ground-control stations. Joseph recently received two awards from NASA for his work.

1982

David Skinner '82 writes: "Just a quick note to let you know that Rowan Olivia Skinner arrived on Thursday evening, April 26th, weighing 6lbs 7oz. We are all well and very, very happy.

Tim Zyto '82 is reportedly enjoyed great success with his furniture company, Montauk, which designs handmade high-end couches. The company has branches in Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, San Francisco, Chicago, Boston and New York, and has sold couches to Brooke Shields, Mark Wahlberg, Jackie Chan and David Suzuki. Calvin Klein apparently bought 20 pieces for his place in the Hamptons. The Montauk factory on Notre Dame St. in Montreal employs 25 people.

1989

Jean-Paul Kovalik '89 recently married Caroline Chen of Costa Mesa, California. The wedding was on March 10 in Laguna Beach. Jean-Paul graduated from Vanderbilt University Medical School in June 2002 with a combined MD/PhD degree. He went on to complete his internship and residency in internal medicine at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. Jean-Paul is currently an endocrinology fellow at

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Duke. The majority of his time is spent researching obesity and diabetes with a focus on fat cell biology.

1990

Maurice Gibbs '90 wrote in November: "I will be heading to Tanzania (Africa) in December as a member of a Canadian community college expedition to actively engage Canadian school-aged students with respect to the African continent (its people, its challenges, its opportunities). In my segment of the trip, I will join a group of parents and students from Elmwood School (Ottawa, Canada) to help build a school in the village of Rongaii, attempt an ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro, and visit the Serengeti National Park. I will also visit the island of Zanzibar on my own once the rest of the group returns to Canada. Thanks also to my old alma mater, Selwyn House in Montreal for initiating this entire process last year.

"My part of this project remains a great opportunity to visit the continent for the first time (22 years after my brother's trip with SHS to Egypt) and do the little I can to help further this valuable project's goals."

Those who are interested can follow the African trip on the following Web pages: Official Algonquin College "Expedition: Africa" portal, and "Expedition: Africa" news reports.

Christian Matossian '90 and his wife, Amanda Dawson, are proud to present Soren Nicolas Dawson Matossian, born healthy and happy on December 15, 2006 in Montreal. "We are all happy to be back living in Montreal after having been abroad in Germany and the UK for the last 3 1/2 years," says Christian.



**Christian Matossian with
Soren and Amanda**

1991

Charles Tingley '91 writes: "My wife, Sarah, and I have recently moved to Wellington, New Zealand. After spending five years in private practice in Toronto, I've taken a job as senior legal counsel to New Zealand's business competition regulator. We are loving New Zealand, and have recently had a baby daughter, Hazel, born May 1 in Wellington. Among other things, living in New Zealand is great for enjoying the outdoors and watching wall-to-wall rugby. I'd love to hook up with any alumni who might be living in or visiting New Zealand. Please don't forget to drop me a line at Charles.Tingley@comcom.govt.nz."

1992

Ken Yau '92 writes: "I'm now residing in Richmond Hill, Ontario with my wife, Edith, and three lovely daughters, Zoe and the twins, Madeline and Ella. Over the past seven years, I have been working for an energy industry consultancy called The Structure Group, which has me on the road every week of the year. If you'd like to keep in touch, I can be reached at ken.yau@thestructuregroup.com."

1998

Martin Pitt-Bradley '98 and two fellow students at Concordia University recently won third prize in the competition for the Bourses Pierre-

Péladeau. The prize, valued at \$20,000, was awarded for developing dorktoys.com, a commercial website specializing in the sale of games and figurines based on comic-book characters or popular rock stars. Martin's partner Eva Mattian says the prize money will go toward finalizing their website, raising the profile of their business and developing an original game using action figures.



**From left: Eva Mattian, Martin
Pitt-Bradley and James Santangelo
of Dorktoys**

2000

Matthew Munzar 2000 received his Masters of Financial Economics degree from U of T in December 2006 after a semester on exchange at Paris Dauphine school in Paris. He recently began full-time employment with RBC Capital Markets on the trading floor in Toronto.

2001

Daniel Wilner 2001 was chosen to give the oration at his Harvard graduation ceremony on May 8. A video of the 356th Harvard Commencement—including Dan's speech—can be found on the Web at <http://video2.harvard.edu:8080/ramgen/pluto/Commencement2007AMArhive.rm> (he speaks at 1:18:00). "All the boys are doing very well," writes Daniel's father, Dr. Asher

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Wilner. "Ben 2005 will be starting at McGill in the fall. Josh 1999 just completed his second year at McGill Law School and has been named an editor-in-chief of the McGill Health Law Journal. We remain so grateful to Selwyn House for giving our sons such wonderful preparation for all they are doing."

2009

Zachary Balit 2009 is making his mark as a competitive young golfer in his new home at Out-of-door Academy in Sarasota, Florida. Zach's father reportedly sold his women's swimwear business in Montreal and moved the entire family to Florida last August so that Zach and his sister, Gabrielle, could play golf year 'round. Zach, who trains at the Missing Link

Golf Academy, rose to the challenge and shot a two-under-par 69 on October 9 to qualify his school team

for a regional tournament in Naples the following week, where he shot an 84.

NEWS for *Veritas* magazine

The magazine you hold in your hands includes alumni and school news from the 2006-2007 year at Selwyn House. Much of this material has already appeared in the on-line *Veritas* on the SHS website (www.selwyn.ca).

With the innovation of putting our news on-line, SHS constituents can get school news while it is still current, and can also access older articles in the *Veritas* archive. Current and archived articles are password protected for viewing and/or printing. Instructions for accessing the electronic version of *Veritas* will again be circulated among the SHS family.

If you have any news to share with the Selwyn House community, please contact Richard Wills, Publications Editor, at wills@selwyn.ca or 514-931-9481 ext. 261. Contact him any time throughout the year.

Bob Gainey speaks at Spirit Day



Spirit Day, held on September 14, 2006 was an overwhelming success by all accounts. The day began on a high note with a school assembly featuring an address by NHL Hall-of-Famer and Montreal Canadiens manager Bob Gainey, ranked by some as the greatest hockey player of all time.

Gainey compared the opening of school to the first day of NHL training camp, with its rookies and more experienced players. A school year is like a hockey season, with its inevitable "opportunities, setbacks and tests," he continued.

He then mentioned two former Canadiens, Serge Savard and Ken Dryden, who had just had their numbers retired that same week. All the two hockey vets could talk about were how lucky they were to have played for Montreal, Gainey reported. "How lucky are you to be here at Selwyn House?" he asked the students. "You are very lucky," he answered, "and the way you can best express this is by complete participation in school life."

Mr. Gainey then answered questions from students. The morning assembly also included donations of school supplies to Westmount Park School and a cheque from the Old Boys' Association to the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Class of '07 academic destinations



Bryan Altman, Pure and Applied Science, Marianopolis
 Christopher Au, Pure and Applied Science, Marianopolis
 Sebastien Beard, LCC
 Julian Beh Pold, Hotchiss
 James Bloomfield, LCC
 Nathaniel Blumer, Health Science, Marianopolis
 Dylan Brophy, Liberal Arts, Dawson
 Armando Cabba, Fine Arts, Dawson
 Chun Lok Chan, Developmental Science, Dawson
 Timothy Charron, Social Science, Dawson
 Kamran Chaudhry, Health Science, Marianopolis
 David Chen, Health Science, Marianopolis
 Karan Chhatwal, Commerce, Marianopolis
 Adam Crystal, Social Science, Dawson
 Daniel D'Amico, Social Science, John Abbott
 David Farmer, Commerce, Marianopolis
 Andrew Fitzpatrick, Pure and Applied Science, Marianopolis
 Georges Greiche, Ridley
 Geoffrey Grover, Health Science, Marianopolis
 Justin Hagen, Honours Commerce, Marianopolis
 Derek Hallward, Commerce, Marianopolis
 Jens Hantson, Science, Dawson
 William Harris, Liberal Arts, Dawson
 Leo Janusauskas, Illustration and Design, Dawson
 Andrei Jones, Phillips Exeter
 Matthew Kendrick, Phillips Exeter
 Gerald Kounadis, Commerce, Marianopolis
 Theodosios Kyres, Commerce, Dawson

Olivier Laroche, Social Science, Marianopolis
 Alexandre-Liem Le, Pure and Applied Science, Marianopolis
 Patrick Levy, Liberal Arts, Marianopolis
 William MacCulloch, Phillips Exeter
 Jonathan MacDougall, Social Science, Marianopolis
 Alexandre Mayer, Social Science (with math), Marianopolis
 Luca Melnychuk, Health Science, Marianopolis
 Marc Minogue, Choate
 Ramin Mohsenin, Pure and Applied Science, Marianopolis
 Paul Nobel, Science, Dawson
 Matthew Palardy, Honours Science, John Abbott
 Andrew Pancer, Science, Dawson
 Andrej Pavlovic, Science, Dawson
 Ryan Quinn, Health Science, Marianopolis
 David Rappaport, Science, Dawson
 Zachary Rosenthal, Science, Dawson
 James Rossy, Pure and Applied Science, Marianopolis
 Charles Roy-Rozon, Social Science, Marianopolis
 Frédéric-Marc Saleh, Pure and Applied Science, Marianopolis
 Saalim Shaikh, Commerce, Marianopolis
 Zachary Shiller, Commerce, Marianopolis
 David Ta Kim, Health Science, Marianopolis
 Fraser Usher-Jones, Liberal Arts, Dawson
 Neil Verma, Health Science, Marianopolis
 Matthew Vesnaver, Pure and Applied Science, Marianopolis
 Daniel Wolfe, Health Science, Marianopolis
 Theodore Xanthoudakis, Explorations Science, Vanier

Former Librarian Virginia Ferguson dies

By Richard Wills, Publications Editor

All members of the Selwyn House family were saddened to hear that former school librarian Virginia Ferguson died on January 26. Virginia had beaten cancer before, but this past fall it returned and took her quickly.

The self-described “original valley girl,” Virginia Boardman was born in Los Angeles, in the middle of what is now the Pasadena Freeway, and grew up in Burbank, graduating from Van Nuys High School.

She went on to earn a BA in history, psychology and education from the University of Redlands in 1962, and an MA in teaching history from Stanford University in 1964.

After graduating, she taught history and worked as a guidance counsellor at a public school in the San Francisco Bay area from 1964 until 1969. That same year, she married Michael Ferguson, whom she had met at Stanford, and moved with him to Montreal, where he had received a professorship at McGill.

Virginia enrolled at McGill and earned her Master of Library Science degree in 1972, graduating at the top of her class. While completing her studies, Virginia came to Selwyn House in 1971 to create a library out of some 4,000 volumes of chaos.

“Virginia was hired to be in charge of the library,” recalled Alain Weber in 1991. “Initially, she inherited a small corner classroom and converted it into the semblance of a library. For many years, she lobbied, presented plans, and was eventually able to convince then-Headmaster Alexis Troubetzkoy and the board to build the sort of library Selwyn House needed.”

When her daughter, Peggy, was born in June of 1974 Virginia took two years of parental leave from Selwyn House. During this period, she lived in Honolulu and Vienna, where she worked as a library consultant.

After two years away from Selwyn House, Virginia was invited by Headmaster Troubetzkoy to return to her previous job.

Virginia had acted on stage and played in “forgettable movies” in the US, and had studied at the Montreal Actors’ Studio, where she gained some experience in stage, film, television and educational video. This served

her well in her nine years as assistant to Byron Harker in the school’s annual Shakespeare production and Medieval Banquet.

Outside Selwyn House, she taught courses in children’s literature and library science for McGill, and co-wrote a textbook on the latter subject that was published by the university.

“Virginia has always been a great influence on everyone in the library profession,” said her co-author, Maria Varvarikos. She brought the Selwyn House library into the computer age, computerizing card catalogues and circulations systems, as well as research tools. Today, the Geoffrey Wanstall Memorial Library contains over 35,000 print and non-print items, fifteen per cent of which are in French. The library also subscribes to several online Internet services.

In 2002, Virginia received the Anne Galler Award for Outstanding Library Service from the Quebec Library Association.

Virginia gave workshops for the Quebec Librarians’ Association (for which she served as vice-president and board member), was a member of the Montreal League of Storytellers, and was a consultant to Paragraphe Books. From 1993 to 1995 she read stories on air for Loyola and McGill radio stations.

In 2003, Virginia received the highest award Selwyn House can bestow on one of its own—the Speirs Medal.

Virginia retired as head librarian in April 2003. But, even after her retirement, Virginia continued to devote herself to Selwyn House. In December of 2005 she undertook the job of rummaging through all the old photos and other memorabilia in dusty boxes that made up the Selwyn House archives, cataloguing each item and compiling a data base for posterity. Out of her love for the past and the for the benefit of those in the future, she worked tirelessly for months to see that the school’s history was properly cared for.



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Staff UPDATES

Milestones

The following teachers, coaches and staff members have been recognized for long and exceptional service to Selwyn House:

- Mike Maurovich completes his 25 full years at Selwyn House.
- Colin Boyle completes his 25th year at Selwyn House.
- Dorothy Walling completes her 25th year at Selwyn House.
- Martin Rondeau who is on sabbatical leave and will be returning next year, completes his 25th year at Selwyn House.
- Carol Manning completes her 25th year at Selwyn House.
- Steve Mitchell completes his 30th year in teaching, 23 at Selwyn House.
- Tom Nicoll completes his 30th year in teaching, 28 at Selwyn House.
- Peter Govan completes his 35th year in teaching, all at Selwyn House.
- Johanne Werbiski completes her 20th year at Selwyn House and her 36th year in teaching.
- Jaime McMillan completes her 20th year at Selwyn House.
- In January 2007, Selwyn House Director of Advancement Jaime McMillan was named as one of three recipients of the Sam Heaman Award, given by the Canadian Association of Independent Schools Advancement Professionals. The award is given for "sustained proficiency in development activities...and exemplary level of leadership in and commitment to the profession and its enhancement in Canada."
- Also in January, Alumni Relations director Courtney Prieur received the rising Star award, as a "new independent school advancement professional who has accomplished incredible things through their dedication and commitment to the school, the profession and CAISP."



Marc Krushelnyski, seen here with his wife, Selwyn House staff member Christine, retired officially in January 2007. Marc began serving as maintenance supervisor in 1980.



Senior math teacher Bruce Glasspoole (right), seen here with Head of Senior Math Andy Lumsden, retired after 30 years in teaching, 26 of them at Selwyn House. "Bruce has been a superb teacher of mathematics and coach of running," said Headmaster Mitchell. "We wish him and his wife Linda all the best in the next phase of their lives."

Virginia Ferguson, continued

In 1995, Virginia had begun spending her summers as a volunteer in California's Yosemite National Park, where she had visited as a child. She would live in a tent for five months at a stretch, working as a storyteller for the Sierra Club, directing a staff of 100 volunteers and initiating tourists in the secrets of the place she loved. During the summer of 2000, she inspired her colleagues by returning to volunteer, despite having spent the winter fighting cancer and undergoing surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

When she returned to Montreal in the fall of 2006, she told friends that she had just spent her best summer ever at Yosemite, but that she sensed it would be her last.

In November, Virginia learned that her cancer had returned. Her last appearance at Selwyn House was at Founder's Day on November 22, where a plaque was unveiled to honour her as a 25-year employee.

Only weeks before she died, Virginia and Michael set out on what would be her final outing, a visit to their previous home in Hawaii, another location dear to her heart. On her return she told her fellow SHS library workers of the delightful time she had there, re-acquainting herself with the sight and sounds of the place she, Michael and Peggy had lived as a young family.

Less than two weeks after she was back in Montreal, Virginia returned to hospital, and never left.

Alumni OBITUARIES

Stewart William Bain '53 died on Monday, August 14, 2006, in his sixty-seventh year. Stewart, loved husband of Noel and dear father of Alison (Robert), Anthony and Ian. Proud grandpa of Stuart, Genevieve and Benjamin, and dear step-son of Marian Bain.

David MacPherso Chenoweth '65 passed away peacefully on Thursday, August, 17, 2006 after a sudden stroke. Son of Clare Chenoweth and the late David Chenoweth Sr., father to Joshua and Jordan, brother to Richard, Brian, Christopher and John, uncle to Sophie, Caroline, Andrew and Allison. Born in 1949 in Montreal, David attended McGill University and served as an editor of the *McGill Daily*. He then worked in the entertainment and financial sections of the *Montreal Gazette* for more than 15 years. After stints with the *Ottawa Sun* and the *Toronto Star*, for which he wrote editorials, David then became a public-affairs and communications specialist with Shell Oil, Nortel and finally with the Department of Finance in Ottawa, where he had worked for the past 17 years.

John Elder '40, described by the *Montreal Gazette* as "a prominent Westmount physician and a pioneer in the field of adolescent stress," died November 14, 2006 after a lengthy illness. Born the son of a surgeon in Montreal on August 19, 1924, he went on from Selwyn House to graduate from Westmount High. At age 19 he enlisted with the Canadian Army and served in the artillery overseas in the Second World War. After the war he received a degree in medicine from McGill, going into pediatric practice in NDG in 1956 and, later, in Westmount. He is survived by his wife, Janet Dixon, two sons and a daughter, and was predeceased by a daughter.

Thomas Brown King '28, thought to be the oldest Selwyn House Old Boy until his death, died on February 22. Born in 1913, he attended Trinity College School after graduating from Selwyn House. He followed his father into the Dominion Glass Company and joined the British army at the outbreak of World War II, serving as an officer with the Kent and Dorset regiments until 1944. He was taken prisoner at Arnheim. On his return to civilian life he rejoined Dominion Glass, rising to the position of secretary-treasurer before his retirement in 1978. He was predeceased by his wife, Helen, in 2002.

Raymond Darley Lemoyne '51 died suddenly in Italy on October, 13, 2006. Born in 1936, he was the husband of Virginia, father of Marc and Christine, grandfather of

Philip and Jennifer and brother of Ginger Brossard and Charles LeMoyne.

Lorne Charles Baker McDonald '74 died on Christmas night, 2006. He became ill in mid-December, and was immediately hospitalized. He was the son of Paul and Joan McDonald, husband of Jane, and father of his two children, Stephen and Andrew. He was buried on December 30 in Toronto.

In a eulogy at Lorne's funeral, Alec Paterson '74 said: "I was a friend of Lorne for 40 years. We met in Grade 4 at Selwyn House in Montreal.

"He was a sharp kid in school with an even sharper wit and loved to laugh. He was a good athlete despite his slim physique, playing football and track when we were in high school and he became a superb skier.

"Lorne, as many of you know, was a curious young man with a keen sense of adventure. He was always up for a new experience and enjoyed many."

William Markland Molson '33, son of John Henry Molson and Hazel Florence (nee Brown) died peacefully in Calgary on Friday, September 8, 2006 at the age of eighty-five. He was born, and lived most of his life, in Montreal. He is survived by his wife, Gail, sons William, Ian, Christopher, daughters Neralie, Claudine, and stepchildren Debbie, Jay, Marck and Julie. He is also survived by his sister Mary (James Iversen) and brothers David and Peter. He was predeceased by his eldest son, John Markland. He served with distinction throughout the Second World War as a member of the Black Watch Regiment.

Walter John Cawthorn Stikeman '27 died peacefully at home in Toronto on July 21, 2006. Predeceased by his wife Mary Stikeman, daughter Jane Ekers and brothers Heward and Dick Stikeman of Montreal. Father of John and Tony Stikeman. Born in Philadelphia October 3, 1915, second son of Harry and Dorothea Stikeman. Educated at Selwyn House School, Montreal and Trinity College School, Port Hope. Served in the Second World War with the Black Watch of Canada, Royal Highland Regiment and appointed Colonel A.Q. to Canadian Army in Europe. Awarded MBE by King George VI, mentioned in dispatches for crossing of the Rhine, 1945 and served as liaison to the Russian army. Upon return to Canada in 1945, worked with Drew Brown Ltd. of Montreal and then as President and CEO of Dominion Welding Engineering Company Ltd. of Toronto.



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